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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHARITY RETAIL ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2024

This is the official notice of our Annual General Meeting which will be held at 10am on Thursday 14 November 2024 on Zoom, for the purpose of election of officers, presentation of the annual accounts, and other business.

The company report is available to view in on the CRA website at: <u>https://www.charityretail.org.uk/cra-</u>review-of-the-year/

<u>Speaker</u>

This year our guest speaker is Mark Russell, Chief Executive of the Children's Society, whose talk will be entitled "Why I love Charity Retail"!

Mark was appointed as Chief Executive of The Children's Society in 2019 and leads a team of 750 staff and 6,000 volunteers. He is passionately committed to social justice and fighting for children and young people to feel hopeful and happy. Mark grew up in Northern Ireland and read Law at Queen's University Belfast. He has 10 years' experience as a youth worker, supporting young people in England and Northern Ireland. In 1999, Mark was awarded the 'British Gas Tomorrow's People Award' for his cross-community work, bringing Catholic and Protestant young people together across Northern Ireland in the run up to the Good Friday Agreement. Before joining The Children's Society Mark served as Chief Executive of Church Army for almost 13 years. Mark has been a Trustee of The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England and has served as Chair of The Marylebone Project, the largest women only homeless project in the UK. He is Vice Chair of Governors of a large high school in Hampshire, an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts. He tweets @markrusselluk. Mark lives outside London with his partner David and in his spare time he loves to travel, keep fit and a good red wine. If he were ever on Mastermind, his specialist subject would be the West Wing!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.

To book places for you and your colleagues please click here.

Please book your place(s) by Tuesday 12 November at the latest.

With best wishes

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Robin Osterley Chief Executive Charity Retail Association