Home for Good

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Values-led Vincentian organisation

UK’s largest homelessness resource centre

Providing resources which encourage, inspire, and challenge homeless people to transform their lives
The role of faith-based groups

Proud history of supporting people experiencing homelessness & exclusion: strong motivation to serve those in greatest need

First port of call for many vulnerable people

Committed and resourceful volunteers, often with experience of organising voluntary action

Importance of working alongside and in partnership with statutory and commissioned services to ensure those in need can access appropriate accommodation and support
Faith-Based Groups Co-ordination Project

Working with faith, community and voluntary groups across London

Developing better partnership working between statutory, commissioned and voluntary services

Improving the standard and consistency of services offered to clients experiencing homelessness and exclusion, wherever they present
Home for Good

Developed in response to client demand, recognising problem of isolation

“Don’t leave me when I need you most”

Building on the networks & relationships from FBGCP

Drawing on knowledge & services in local community

Providing appropriate support to help people move beyond homelessness: not a permanent identity
Local community-based support

Person-centred support

Middle ground between:
- Structure of tenancy support
- Holistic approach of befriending

Working in partnership with existing services

Identifying gaps in services & signposting to appropriate support
Home for Good Social Club

Sunday afternoon sessions for people now in their own accommodation

Lunch, games, talks, activities and company

Beginning weekly outings and visits across London

Gentle introduction to further community-based support for many of our resettled clients
Transatlantic Practice Exchange

Funded by Oak Foundation, managed by Homeless Link & National Alliance to End Homelessness

Fortnight working with HomeStart, Boston-based organisation specialising in housing search, placement & ongoing support

Understanding innovative approaches to both short and long-term support
Staying Home for Good

HomeStart
  – Stabilisation Programme: 96% retention
  – Housing First Programme: 92% retention

St Francis House
  – 64% of those who complete 14-week Moving Ahead Program are in employment by graduation

Pine Street Inn
  – Traditional shelter model
  – Now have more clients in permanent supportive housing than in emergency & transitional shelter
What’s Next?

Continued roll-out of Home for Good project, including facilitating volunteering amongst people with lived experience of homelessness.

Ongoing research into effective longer-term support both in UK and abroad.

Raising awareness amongst wider range of communities on how we can all work towards our shared goal of ending homelessness.
Further Information

The Passage  www.passage.org.uk
Oak Foundation  www.oakfnd.org
Homeless Link  www.homeless.org.uk
National Alliance to End Homelessness  www.endhomelessness.org
HomeStart  www.homestart.org
St Francis House  www.stfrancishouse.org
Pine Street Inn  www.pinestreetinn.org
Transatlantic Practice Exchange  
  www.homeless.org.uk/connect/blogs/team/trading-places-tackle-homelessness

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