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The life of a zombie

We're marking the first anniversary of the criminalisation of legal highs in this issue. Has it made a difference to people's lives? The jury is out, but while the tabloids warn of "zombie" legal high users on the streets we suggest a solution: find people homes. We're also celebrating the young photographers behind a new exhibition – there's so much talent out there. If you know someone we should feature, get in touch and let us know. And check out Nelma's rights guides for migrants. Essential stuff.

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Art for life

Mat Amp meets the homeless photographers ready to make their mark. Watch out, world.

There is a real buzz in the lobby of the *Guardian* newspaper's HQ in King's Cross. It's the opening of a new exhibition called 'Made By Us', and the work is exceptional. But what's maybe even more amazing is that many of the photographers whose work is exhibited here had never picked up a camera before this year. Many of them still don't own one. And they certainly didn't think they'd have their work shown in an exhibition like this.

These young photographers are homeless. And 'Made by Us' is about showing people that they have something to say.

Accumul8 is a project that describes itself as a social enterprise helping young, homeless people "explore their creativity" through photography, filmmaking, creative writing and illustration. The project is ongoing, and this photographic exhibition is the end result of a course that runs for two hours a week over four months.

The latest exhibition came along at a time when the *Evening Standard* was running a series of headlines about young people and the supposed epidemic of knife crime in the capital. And it's not just the media reducing young people to violent



maniacs: it seems across the board millennials are fair game for criticism for everything from their addiction to social media to their vacuous self-obsession.

My instinct when I hear these views about a generation that is in fact probably more political active than the previous one is to spring to the defence of the young. But as I looked round this exhibition it dawned on me; they don't need defending. Young people are more than capable of speaking for themselves. Society just needs to pay attention, and this is at the heart of everything Accumul8 is about. It's a project that gives young people the skills, confidence and opportunity to express themselves.

Marice launched Accumul8 after the North London YMCA approached her in her role as the founder of the Crouch End Festival. They wanted to explore ways the two organisations could collaborate on a project that would use the skills and talents of local artists to encourage the creative potential of the young, homeless people living at the hostel.

Marice said: "This was a really new and innovative project for them. It wasn't coming from a usual 'supplier of services', so it took a real leap of faith on their behalf to give the go-ahead."

Now Accumul8 is working with nine hostels across London and collaborates with Ravensbourne college – tutors and students work with participants.

Workshops take place in different locations across London, including the Tate Modern and the Barbican, with their creative work featured on telly, in national newspapers and at exhibitions like this one.

The project has been about collaboration at every stage, and the building of 'strong and lasting relationships' with hostels has been key to its success. And there has been plenty of help on hand, from the community, from designers, web people, volunteers and venues etc.

At the exhibition, participants talk with genuine enthusiasm about Accumul8 and the numerous qualities the course has helped them with, including self-motivation,



'The Girl in the Shadow' © Younis Musa

pride, self expression, understanding of other cultures, tolerance of different views and communication skills. It is obvious that they are genuinely inspired and there is no hint of coaching in what they say. This comes from the heart.

As Jayakrishanth Narayanan tells me: "Photography takes me through a different thought process as I move through my environment. Now I stop and look at the moments happening around me." Everal James talks about the way photography encourages empathy: "When I take a photograph I don't think about myself, I think about other people."

The bottom line is summed up best by Jovan Washington, who says simply: "This project meant I could get out and about more. I saw a world far away from my four hostel



'Smoky Building' © Jeremiah Ebenezer

walls and I got to meet new people."

The program is not without its critics and some of them can be found on the *Guardian* [exhibition media partner] website's chat boards. One person is adamant that these courses lead to nothing for example – it's all just PR.

Others call for the need for changes in policy, seeing this as window dressing.

Marice, on the other hand, sees change coming from the young people. Her answer is to help them build the confidence they need to take the system on. She explains: "The issue is that we have to make the difference to people when they are young if we are to create critical change. We all recognise that mentoring, advice, guidance, etc can all help to change people's lives, and

intervention earlier is always better than later."

And the criticism that Accumul8 is too small to make a real difference seems to be less an argument against the programme and more evidence of the need for more ventures like it.

There is legacy here too. In 2016 the Accumul8 scholarship was created for those hoping to study creative and digital media at Ravensbourne; these three-year scholarships have been made available to project participants.

Marice is both ambitious and optimistic for the future. "We would love for us to get our own art space – it's a big ask, but if you don't ask you don't get." Having met Marice and seen what she has done first hand with Accumul8, I wouldn't bet against her.

Art in action

Ian Kalman says it's not just photography changes lives. Theatre can work wonders too.

Jake Goode came to London in 1987 looking for work. There was none to be had in Liverpool, where he came from. At that time the national figure was over four million people. He found himself squatting on and off for the next 13 years.

"It was the best choice available," he says. "But it also coincided with my belief about the use of empty places instead of leaving them empty." He found himself squatting in several places from a house on a Council estate to a boat.

Now, of course, squatting in residential buildings is illegal. But for Goode, it was an option that allowed him to live a sort of life on the margins and kept a roof over his head. For many years this was as much as he and his partner Jo needed.

The big change came 23 years ago when Jo went to a talk about Augusto Boal and Forum Theatre, and theatre company Cardboard Citizens performed a piece.

"She came back full of enthusiasm and told me that this was the link we were looking for between politics and performance. Soon after, Jo was invited to be part of a show for the company as someone had dropped

out. When the company found themselves short of another actor, Goode was in the right place at the right time and took his place.

"It was my first time on the stage as an actor," he says. "I remember arriving in Manchester, been giving some lines and that evening I was in front of an audience. Up until then all my income was cash in hand – we were living outside the system – so now looking back on it, Cardboard Citizens helped me to become part of society and I am very glad of that because it is hard to not be."

He's continued to be involved, accepting acting roles with the company ever few years but art has gone on to transform his life.

Along with Jo he founded Other Half Productions, which specialises in street theatre, cabaret and allows both to use their circus skills. And in 2014 the couple founded Just Play, a not for profit company teaching children across the world theatre and circus skills in recognition of their human right to play.

"We have gone to several places in the world where we perform and run workshops with children. It is something myself and Jo are passionate about."

His advice for those feeling stuck? It's simple he says. "Take advantage of every opportunity." And you never know. There might be one around the corner.

Attack of the 'zombies'?



Leading charity DrugWise has said that homeless people will continue to be hospitalised from taking legal highs unless the government deals with the chronic shortage of housing.

One year on from the introduction of the 2016 Psychoactive Substances Act (PSA), has banning legal highs helped or hindered the ongoing 'zombie apocalypse' – as the tabloids have dubbed the visible presence of homeless people under the influence of Spice – on our streets?

On the surface it seems like a no brainer: ban the sale of legal highs and then members of the public cannot buy or use them. Problem solved. It may, then, be a surprise (to some) that last year's PSA has had an unclear impact on the number of people using these formerly 'legal highs', now no longer 'legal' and renamed New Psychoactive Substances (NPS).

According to a 2017 DrugWise report, the act has had different effects in different parts of the UK. Drug workers in some areas have reported a huge decrease in NPS use since the PSA was passed, with a clinic in Lincolnshire showing a massive decrease in NPS-related referrals from 30 per week down to one in the entire month of November 2016.

This would suggest that the PSA

is definitely working some parts of the UK, but a glance at tabloid stories from over the last year will offer countless reminders of the 'zombie apocalypse' of NPS users threatening the fabric of our society.

The reality is that over half of the areas covered by the DrugWise report showed 'no difference' in the number of people using NPS. Instead of stopping the sale of Spice and other legal highs, the new rules have driven them underground and turned it into another street drug.

This is problematic for a number of reasons. It makes monitoring their sale difficult, which makes it hard to know whether the number of people buying and using NPS has decreased. Also, with street dealers selling the drugs instead of over-the-counter sales, the rates of violence and intimidation towards vulnerable users have increased.

But the biggest problem may be the increasing number of people sleeping rough in the UK.

Harry Shapiro, director of DrugWise, told *The Pave ment*: "The point is we have increasing homeless numbers in the UK, which are only going up. Local authorities and businesses have got an interest in doing something. It is a housing issue. People say deal with the drug problem first, but stable accommodation helps people deal with these issues. Deal with the



Smoke © Creative Commons

housing, and *then* you might deal with the drugs.”

NPS have always been popular among the homeless community due to their low cost and how easy they are to buy. Spice and Black Mamba are particularly popular because both are used as a substitute by cannabis and heroin users due to their strong effects.

“Mamba knocks the bollocks off of heroin”

... according to a user filmed on BBC 3’s documentary series *Drugs Map of Britain*.

One of the greatest dangers of these drugs are their strength, which is often unpredictable due to the way they are made in makeshift labs. Fake cannabis-like chemicals are sprayed onto ordinary herbs using a spray

bottle, meaning you can’t control how even the spread of chemical is on the herbs. This means when you buy a bag of Spice you don’t know how much synthetic cannabis might be in that particular bag of herbs – it could be a weak batch, or it could be incredibly strong and cause harrowing side effects.

Yvonne Dempsey, Life Sciences lecturer at Glasgow University, told *the Pavement*: “Both Spice and cannabis can give some users feelings of euphoria, while other users will feel paranoid. Spice, however, is far more likely to cause hallucinations, delusions, confusion, anxiety, panic attacks and agitation.

“Spice has also been reported to lead to self-mutilation, seizures and catatonia.”

These side effects sound like something from a horror film, or worse, a 1960s *Reefer Madness*-era

advert warning about the very real danger of youths smoking one joint and morphing into deranged, hell-bound homosexuals. In 2010, all the hype was around party drug M-CAT (Mephedrone, aka ‘Bubble’) and its apparent ability to make teenaged boys rip their own balls off. Now it’s Spice.

Since the war on drugs has provided us with dark entertainment more than well-received advice, it’s no wonder that many people have not heeded the warnings of the hazardous effects of legal highs. Despite the EU banning M-CAT, the vast majority of users in the youth party scene refused to accept the ban or the warnings, turning to dealers to supply an ever-growing demand. The same pattern appears to have formed with Spice since the PSA was passed, and the warnings about their dangerous effects have been ignored by some.

A drug worker from Sheffield told *DrugWise*: “The NPS law in May has had no effect on our clients use of Spice.

“It’s still out there, and many people selling and buying it think it’s still legal.”

But for once the UK Government’s warnings of the apocalyptic dangers of NPS may actually ring true, at least to the 30 or so hospitalised NPS users

per week still coming from some of Leeds’ prisons.

The reality is that the NPS create effects similar, but not identical, to the drugs they’re trying to mimic. Rather than offering more bang for your buck, this huge difference in strength is part of what causes Spice’s horrific side effects – the kind that may brand you a ‘zombie’.

Marco Biagini & Joanna McAleer

Legal highs – the facts

- Spice’s main chemical component sticks to parts of the brain up to 10 times tighter than natural cannabis does.
- Unlike cannabis, there are no medical benefits associated with using Spice.
- Some NPS do not have the chemical compositions they are supposed to, causing different side effects.
- In some parts of the UK, evidence suggests that some have started taking heroin after developing a Spice addiction.
- Since many NPS are so new, scientists and doctors know very little about the long-term effects of abusing them.



Heroin users warned to be vigilant

Drug users have been warned to be “vigilant” in response to increased deaths thought to be caused by heroin laced with fentanyl.

The drug is known as “serial killer” in the United States because it can be so deadly. Now there are fears it is also endangering lives in the UK.

The warning was issued by Public Health England in April following a spate of deaths in Yorkshire, Humberside and Cleveland that were believed to be linked to the drug. It can be up to 100 times stronger than street heroin.

The National Crime Agency (NCA) issued warnings for users – and dealers – to exercise “extreme caution”. The agency believes that the drug, which has been responsible for hundreds of deaths in the US, may now be being used to cut heroin across the UK.

Tony Saggars, head of drugs threat and intelligence at the NCA, said: “We have taken the unusual step of appealing to people to be vigilant. We are aware there has been an increase in drug deaths this year in the UK, primarily linked to heroin use.

“Fentanyl can be problematic to identify in post-mortem toxicology, but we have noticed an increase in the drug in forensic testing of street heroin,” he added.

“Heroin users need to be aware that the amount of fentanyl in a £10 bag of heroin need only be 1/50th of the total quantity (about two

What is fentanyl?

- Fentanyl is an extremely strong painkiller, prescribed for severe chronic pain which does not respond to regular painkillers
- It is an opioid painkiller which means it works by mimicking the body's natural painkillers, called endorphins
- Symptoms of a fentanyl overdose include slow and difficult breathing, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and increased blood pressure

milligrams) to be a lethal dose.”

The painkiller hit the headlines after it was linked to the death of legendary musician Prince last year. Though its use was considered to be rare in the UK, local police forces in the North of England started to raise the alarm back in February.

The NCA is now working closely with the police to assess the risks in more detail. It appealed for any concerned users to seek medical help from the NHS or support services.

It also highlighted the higher sentences for dealers, as adding toxic agents to drugs is considered to be an “aggravating” circumstance.

Karin Goodwin

Hidden homelessness

When Raynor Winn and her husband found themselves homeless, they packed a tent and set off to live in the wild. And they discovered they were far from alone.

Homeless. It's a word that rightly conjures up images of despair. But in 2013, I swam with dolphins, walked with a tortoise and slept on the most westerly cliffs in England with only two sheets of nylon between me and America. And strangely I wouldn't have had those life changing moments if I hadn't been homeless. Bear with me, though: there is a darker side to this story.

In the same week that my partner was diagnosed with a terminal illness, we were evicted from our home of 20 years. It was an old stone house in the countryside from which we ran our own business. Told by the local authority that we were not entitled to priority housing as my partner "wasn't ill enough" we made a choice. With nowhere to stay, we packed our rucksacks and headed south to walk the whole 630 miles of the South West Coastal Path.

For us the choice was living wild – wild-camping – and we were lucky enough to have the kit and the resources to do that. But whatever spin we put on it, there was no escaping the fact that we had joined the numbers of the rural homeless.

Over the next two summers we encountered every form of prejudice and help. We also met many other homeless people, whose numbers contradict all the official figures. I had thought homelessness was primarily an urban problem and rough sleeping definitely so. After all, who sees a rough sleeper in the countryside? But having camped along side them, I can confirm: the hidden homeless are there, unseen.

The housing charity Shelter suggests 250,000 people are currently homeless in England, though the government doesn't accept this. From what I encountered in the rural southwest, I believe the figures are much higher than even Shelter's estimates. The Cornish homeless charity St Petroc's claim there were 65 rough sleepers in Cornwall in 2015, but few of the homeless people we met had slept on the streets, so had never been part of a head count. Many had never even approached the local authorities, so weren't included in any statistics.

The South West Coastal Path follows the coast from Somerset, through North Devon, Cornwall, South Devon and into Dorset. Rural always, in places remote, only occasionally passing through urban areas. This is the land of high value housing, second homes, holiday lets and tourists. You wouldn't risk

sleeping in the streets here, where there is so much prejudice. The result is a perception that there is no homeless problem.

In Somerset we encountered occasional rough sleepers miles from anywhere. But in Devon and Cornwall, the numbers grew and grew. We met people sleeping in cars, tents, barns, in caves and under bridges.

One group of around 20 young homeless people congregated in agricultural sheds and horse trailers in a wooded valley, unable to afford to rent in the wealthy area where they all worked. Further south, as gale force winds drove horizontal rain in from the Channel, we were forced inland away from the exposed clifftops. Camped in a wood, we quickly found we weren't alone. A ramshackle collection of tents and tarpaulins spread through the trees, invisible from the road. There we met John. Like many we met, he was educated and non-dependent, the oldest member of a group of homeless people who he said numbered "around 30, give or take". He claimed a police campaign to free the streets of rough sleepers ahead of the tourist season meant they had to stay hidden.

The availability of affordable accommodation is cited as the biggest cause of rural homelessness. It's a countrywide issue in rural areas, where local authority housing stocks



Hidden homeless © Raynor Winn

are low. Other resources are equally difficult to access, with mental health and addiction support agencies being spread across wide rural areas, meaning it can take days and endless bus journeys to resolve issues. It can be an impossible mountain to climb for many homeless people who, as a result, stay outside the system, hidden and uncounted.

During my time on the coastal path, it became clear that far from the romantic vision of the "gentleman of the road", rural homelessness is the daily struggle of large numbers of invisible people who are forced to live away from the public gaze, in areas where accessing food can be their highest priority. Unfortunately, before the needs of the rural homeless can be addressed, local authorities and those who live in the countryside must first acknowledge their existence, however unpalatable that may seem in a rural idyll.



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More migrant rough sleepers face deportation

Campaigners have raised serious concerns as it emerges that the Home Office is now threatening to arrest and deport homeless people sleeping on the streets of Edinburgh.

Home Office enforcement teams have been involved in street patrols in recent weeks, informing EU migrants sleeping rough that they are “misusing” their freedom of movement rights and should return to their countries of origin.

If they do not accept the offer of “voluntary” return, they will be arrested and deported.

All citizens of the EU are assumed to have free movement across the European Economic Area (EEA) and have the “right to reside” for three months. After that, they must prove they are self-sufficient to stay.

However, in May 2016 the UK Government became the only EU government to interpret rough sleeping as an “abuse” of the right to freedom of movement. Other abuses include sham marriage and documents forgery.

Last year there were dozens of joint local authority/Home Office operations across London, with eight of them resulting in 133 rough sleepers being detained. Recent research by Corporate Watch revealed homeless charities passed information on vulnerable rough sleepers to the Home Office teams.

Patrols have also taken place in other cities including Manchester,

Liverpool and Birmingham.

Jan Williams, head of operations at Streetwork, which does outreach work in the Edinburgh, said: “The Home Office’s Immigration Enforcement department has made us aware that they are working in the Edinburgh area.” She is worried that removing people, even under “voluntary” schemes, will leave people vulnerable and put them at risk of harm.

Fizza Qureshi, director of the Migrant Rights Network, said that the development was “incredibly concerning”.

“It is being enforced without any sort of real insight into the background or situation of people on found on the streets,” she added.

According to Jean Demars, a researcher at Goldsmiths University and former head of housing at London-based migrant charity Praxis, homeless migrants have been deported for around seven years in London. This has increased dramatically since May last year.

He claims arrests and deportations could be legally challenged and is working with lawyers and migrant groups to bring forward test cases.

The Home Office confirmed it would take action against EEA nationals sleeping rough who “refused” to find “alternative accommodation”. KG

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- Dacă încercă să te detină, spune-le dacă lucrezi, dacă ești în căutare de lucru, dacă ești în Marea Britanie de mai puțin de 3 luni sau dacă ești rezident permanent. Dacă tot te detin, ai dreptul la un avocat în mod gratuit în detenție, sau să telefonezi Bail for Immigration Detainees (020 7456 9750)

În toate cazurile, ar trebui să obții sfaturi
în imigrație. Dacă nu știi unde să mergi,
sună la 07459642152 pentru îndrumări.

Rebuild Grenfell Tower and invest in safe housing

The Grenfell Tower should be rebuilt, according to campaigners who want to make sure that no social housing is lost – and no more people become homeless – as a result of the tragic London fire.

Residents' forum the Radical Housing Network said the tragedy, which at time of going to press had killed 79 men, women and children, was a product of a "greed-driven housing system" where profit was put before people's lives.

Calling for long-term investment in decent, secure and safe public housing, it claimed it was time the system stopped treating people "with contempt".

The Grenfell Tower fire started at 12.45am on 14 June and engulfed the 24-storey building, where some 600 people were living, in less than an hour.

It is thought that the cheap cladding, put on to "pimp up" the flats in London's richest borough of Kensington and Chelsea, caused the fire to spread. *Inside Housing* reported that fire protections between floors had also been removed temporarily as part of the £10m refurbishment by building firm Rydon.

It also emerged that Grenfell Action Group had raised repeated safety concerns with Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (KCTMO) over the last few years but had been ignored.

Legal letters were sent to activists publishing their concerns online as KCTO claimed they were defamatory.

A spokesperson for Radical Housing Network said: "Grenfell should not be another excuse to demolish council housing. The problem is not council tower blocks – it's lack of investment and a shockingly irresponsible approach to public building maintenance, safety, and tenants' concerns.

"The UK housing system treats those at the bottom with contempt."

"Those on the lowest incomes suffer substandard, dangerous housing and overcrowding."

Tenants, both those living in council estates or renting privately, have few rights, the spokesperson added. "Grenfell is a human tragedy, but is also a very political, preventable tragedy. It is a product of a greed-driven housing system, in which profit is valued more than the lives of many people."

A full public inquiry has been announced, with the police following up criminal proceedings. Fire safety reps said the tragedy underlined the need to install sprinklers in all high rises, which was recommended after the Lakeland House fire in 2009 that killed six people.

In 2015 a Freedom of Information

Act request submitted by *Inside Housing* revealed just 18 council-owned tower blocks out of 2,925 had sprinklers fitted.

Writing on its blog, a spokesperson for the Grenfell Action Group said, "The many who lost their lives in this catastrophe were our friends and neighbours. We tried to speak for them in life and we will continue to

Empty buildings could be used by homeless people

Oxford City Council has agreed to consider a policy of opening up empty public buildings to house homeless people.

The proposal, put forward by Green Party Councillor David Thomas and passed by Oxford City councillors, means the local authority will look at the feasibility of opening up unused buildings, including Oxford University ones.

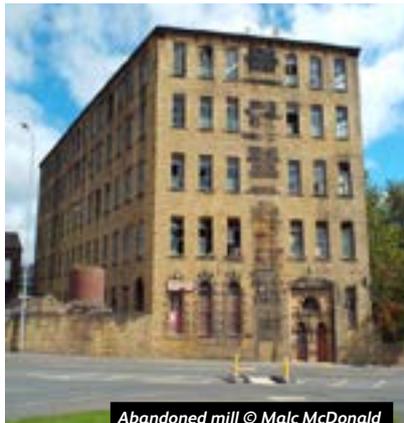
Thomas, who was himself homeless for a short time in the past, was inspired to take the motion forward after grassroots group Iffley Open House squatted an empty university building earlier in the year.

Some 14 homeless people slept in the building, which had its own cooking and washing facilities, for just over three months. The group has since occupied other empty buildings as it claims the council is turning single homeless people away without housing them.

... speak for them now.

"We share the pain of the homeless, the injured and the bereaved, to whom we offer our heartfelt sympathy, condolences and solidarity. We also share the sense of anger and injustice that has troubled this community for years."

Karin Goodwin



Abandoned mill © Malc McDonald

Councillor Thomas told the *Pavement*: "The plan kicked off in the winter last year, when homeless people themselves started to show how empty buildings could be re-used. Often homeless people are dismissed. But as a group they were running this shelter.

"The motion has got cross-party support and people are talking to

each other about this; the council, the university, the churches. We're expecting that in September we will have a proposal and the University is producing its own discussion paper."

He said there was often a view that if a homeless person didn't engage with services, then that was the fault of the homeless person rather than an acceptance that the service wasn't up to scratch.

"What's been demonstrated is that there is a different way of doing this," he added.

"Of course there are risks, but we can identify those and look to minimise them. It's got huge potential. We are hoping there will be a pilot project and then I think there will be a lot that councils across the UK can learn from."

Councils across the UK have come under increasing pressure to open up empty building across the country, with scores of petitions set up on lobbying site 38 Degrees.

Earlier this year, Brighton and Hove council agreed that homeless charities could use empty buildings as night shelters in the winter.

In the winter of 2015–16, footballers Gary Neville and Ryan Giggs allowed rough sleepers to squat in a Manchester building they had bought to convert into a hotel, for three months before refurbishment work started.

Karin Goodwin

Homelessness shames Glasgow

Over the next few issues we'll meet some of the campaigners trying to highlight the need to end homelessness.

Jamie Jackson talks to Sean Baillie, who set up the Homelessness Shames Glasgow campaign.

What's the inspiration for Homelessness Shames Glasgow?

We're not trained in any sort of help with addiction or other complicated issues that can arise when someone is homeless. But we want to provide solidarity; that's the one thing nobody else is doing. Everybody else is doing great work. But the scale of it [homelessness]... we can't just continue to rely on the goodwill of the people that are helping. There needs to be political change. We need to make this a hot topic.

How did you get started?

At the start of the campaign we had demonstrations in the street and a vigil for Matthew [Bloomer, a 28-year-old rough sleeper who died in Glasgow city centre on a freezing night in March]. His death really brought to light the severity of the issue. We all saw what had

been going on as we'd all been trying to help beforehand just as a loose group of people – we'd been doing drops of food, sleeping bags and toiletries, and over the winter we'd tried to ask the council to come up with a property, staffed by us, to be used as a daytime drop-in. That idea was totally knocked on the head [by authorities]. But Matthew's death really spurred us on to say there needs to be something more here, more hard-hitting.

What else have you done?

We made over a dozen banners and dropped them in highly visible places and city landmarks and just made sure everyone in the city seen these. It was well received and picked up by the newspapers. We also campaigned in the run up to the council elections and we made it a big issue for the council election.

We went to Shelter [homeless charity] hustings: there the guy chairing it putting pressure on a Labour councillor asking about our banners. In the future we'd like to a voter registration drive. We're kicking ourselves that we missed the chance this election. Getting people who are homeless or who have no fixed abode and have them register to vote is so important. Politicians should answer directly to the people.

Jamie Jackson



Sean Baillie © Jamie Jackson



Free Hotel Toiletries © Every Little Bit Helps

News in Brief

Big Issue for EU Migrants

A Romanian woman who used to sell the *Big Issue* magazine has received a harsh ruling from a judge meaning she can no longer receive benefits.

The woman registered as self-employed and began selling the magazine about three months after she came to the UK.

Her status as a self-employed worker opened the door to receiving Working Tax Credits, but following a decision by Judge Kate Markus, QC, she is no longer eligible for government support.

The judge decided that the woman's business was 'not viable' as she did not make enough money through it – the woman fell around £100 short of the £157-per-week wage that EU migrants are expected to make.

New service to help 700 people

People sleeping rough in Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes are being offered a new service from 26 June due to a partnership between local councils.

The service will also target people who are at risk of becoming homeless to prevent them from moving onto the streets.

The £623,000 funding received will enable the service to run for two years.

Every Little Bit Helps

A Sydney-based charity has caused a stir through encouraging a new way to donate to homeless people in Australia.

People staying in hotels all over the world tend to take a freebie with them as they check out, whether it's a bottle of shower gel, a bar of soap or a miniature toothpaste.

Every Little Bit Helps asks people to donate these often un-used freebies and distributes them among homeless people, and since 2014 has provided over 20,000 kits to individuals in and around Sydney.

Founder of the charity, Katryna Robinson, told *ABC News*, "We want to fill a void that is there and without our services, what we found is simply [toiletries] weren't being offered."

Contactless donation points

Electronic contactless donation points are now operational across Bristol, allowing passers by to make quick £2 donations to rough sleepers.

Money raised will go to the Safer Off the Streets (SOS) project, which aims to raise £100,000 for four local night shelters run by different homelessness charities.

David Ingerslev of St Mungo's and Rough Sleeping Partnership welcomed the development: "There is nothing else like this in Bristol".

Help Bristol's Homeless

The founder of social enterprise Help Bristol's Homeless has been working with a group of homeless people to construct innovative new homes.

Jasper Thompson is working to convert old shipping containers into fully functioning homes, stating the project helps create a sense of ownership and achievement for everyone involved.

Thompson told *the BBC* they have "big dreams" to develop the idea.

Single parents win benefits challenge at High Court

A High Court judge has ruled that the countrywide benefits cap is discriminatory towards a group of single parents in London.

The benefits cap currently sits at £20,000 (£23,000 for Londoners), and was deemed insufficient to support four lone-parent families, two of whom had been made homeless due to domestic violence.

According to the BBC, the ruling will enable extra financial help to be offered to the families. They told the courts they were facing a "real misery" from the benefit caps, which can only be avoided by those working more than 16-hours per week.

Homeless surge under Tories

The number of homeless people in the UK has risen by 34 per



Social housing © Kay Williams



Mayor at homeless vigil © Hawaii County

cent since 2010, when the Conservatives came into power, *the Independent* reported.

It claimed this could be linked to an enormous 97 per cent decrease in the number of government-funded houses for social rent since 2010.

In 2010-11, more than 36,700 socially-rented homes were built, but 2016-17 this number dropped to just 1,102 new homes.

Housing First shows success

Glasgow is to become the latest in a growing number of cities to show the success of the Housing First approach to homelessness services.

The model has been successful all over the globe, and has been used extensively in the USA and Finland.

Patrick McKay, of Turning Point Scotland, told *the Evening Times* the Housing First model has an undeniable success rate. He said: "It might sound really simple but its radical and it says we are going to take people from the street and we are going to give them

accommodation."

Chester hostel may close

Labour-lead Cheshire West and Chester Council is proposing the closure of Richmond Court in Boughton.

The proposal is a direct reversal of the previous Tory council's decision to centralise homelessness services into a big 46-bed facility at Richmond Court, which is thought of by many as a magnet for trouble.

The council plans to divide services into smaller, more spread out accommodation units across the area, with extra emergency beds.

New benefits laws in Scotland

The Social Security Bill will give ministers powers over 11 benefits which were devolved to Scottish control under the Scotland Act 2016.

The new laws will include the increase of the carer's allowance from summer 2018, and increased start-up grant and funder expense assistance from summer 2019.

Citizens Advice Scotland social security spokesman Rob Gowans told *the Daily Record*: "While full details of the new system are still to be decided, there is much to be welcomed in today's Bill."

Hawaii doctors could prescribe houses to homeless

A groundbreaking new proposal in Hawaii is suggesting that doctors should be able to prescribe housing to homeless people. Instead of providing long-term medical treatment to rough sleepers, the new bill would prescribe them a home – the ultimate cure to poor health.

State senator Josh Green told *the Guardian*: "We're [currently] just paying for it in the most inefficient, expensive way possible."

Atos Healthcare changes name

The company which carried out the controversial work capability assessments for the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) have changed their name to Independent Assessment Services (IAS).

The company, based in France, carried out assessments that lead to many disabled Scots wrongfully losing their benefits.

The £500million Atos contract was cancelled after years of controversy, but the newly named IAS company is set to start a new five-year contract with the DWP worth over £700million.

Healthy Mouths



Groundswell spoke to over 260 people experiencing homelessness about their health.

We found that 90 per cent had a problem with their mouth and 70 per cent had lost teeth since becoming homeless.

Nearly a third had struggled to find a dentist, though about the same proportion (30 per cent) were currently in pain.

Problems to tell the dentist: <i>fill this out before your appointment</i>		Dental health tasks: <i>fill this out after your appointment</i>	
My next dentist appointments:			
<i>e.g. 12th July</i>	<i>e.g. Southside Dental Practice, 52 Bond Street, EH2 6DL</i>		

"When I got my teeth sorted it was amazing. It took me ages to stop putting my hand over my mouth. Even just seeing the look in peoples' eyes. I don't know if they sensed that I was more at ease with myself when I smiled. They could smile with me. I actually feel that getting my teeth sorted has helped me to turn a corner. They don't hurt anymore and I'm not drinking now. I'm not embarrassed. I can start looking to the future."

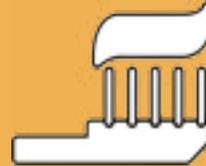
– Groundswell Research

If you don't have a dentist, the easiest way to find one is to call 111.

They will ask your name, date of birth and the postcode for the area you are in and can search for local dentists who are taking NHS patients.

Visit the dentist regularly to check that both your teeth and mouth are healthy, even if you don't have any natural teeth left.

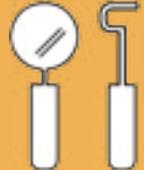
But you should also look after your own teeth. Here's how:



1. Brush your teeth twice a day. Brushing last thing at night is really important. If your gums bleed brush again.

2. Clean between your teeth every day using floss or small brushes. Toothpaste must have fluoride in it. Only use toothpaste meant for adults.

- Do not rinse your mouth with water after you brush your teeth. Rinsing your mouth with water washes away the toothpaste.
- If you smoke or drink alcohol going to the dentist is even more important.



5. Cut down on sugary food and drinks and try to have them only with meals.

6. If you use methadone, brush your teeth before and rinse your mouth with water after you take your methadone.

If you're on most benefits you can get NHS dentistry for free. You need to fill out an HC1 form which is easy to get online (most dentists and homelessness services can help).

Having proof of your benefits may help when signing up: <http://bit.ly/2seesqh>

Housing in Scotland : Your Rights

All councils in Scotland have a duty to help you when you're homeless. If your own local council thinks you are homeless, they legally have to help you find a home: to help you find temporary accommodation right away, and then to help you find a home of your own in the long-run. If the council thinks you **might** qualify to be registered homeless then they have to find you a temporary home whilst they check you are eligible. If you have applied to the wrong council, they have to point you in the right direction.

To get help from your local council, you must:

1. be legally homeless, now or within 28 days, meaning you:
 - have no accommodation at all
 - cannot access your home
 - live in a violent household
 - live in an overcrowded home
 - live in an unclean or unsafe home
 - live in a B&B, hostel or refuge
2. be born in the UK or European Economic Area (EEA), or have family living there
3. not have chosen to be homeless
4. have a connection with the local council you are applying to:
 - to find out if you have a local connection visit **Shelter Scotland's** website linked below
5. if you are from outside the EEA, you need to have the right to live and work in the UK

Shelter Scotland
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)
National Domestic Violence Helpline
Govan Law Centre (Glasgow)
Glasgow City Council
Edinburgh City Council

Visit www.thepavement.org.uk for a full PDF version of this page, with more detailed information on your housing rights.

If you have nowhere to sleep tonight, and nowhere else to turn, contact:

1. Your local council:
 - Glasgow: **0800 838 502**
 - Edinburgh: **0800 731 6969**
2. Simon Community (Glasgow):
 - **0800 027 7466 (Free, 24 hr)**
3. Streetwork (Edinburgh)
 - **0808 178 2323 (Free, 24 hr)**
4. Shelter's advice helpline:
 - **0808 800 4444 (Free, 9-5 Mon-Fri)**
5. Police Scotland:
 - dial **101** (not 999)

If your application is rejected:

- you should appeal the decision if you think it is wrong. The council must find you temporary accommodation whilst they look at your appeal
- the council legally has to direct you towards local homeless charities

<http://scotland.shelter.org.uk/>
www.citizensadvice.org.uk/
0808 2000 247
0141 440 2503
www.glasgow.gov.uk
www.edinburgh.gov.uk

Housing in England : Your Rights

Your local council does not always have to help you find emergency accommodation if you are homeless. English local councils run a '**priority need**' system which was originally set up to make sure that the most vulnerable homeless people are helped first. However, the 'priority need' system can negatively affect many 'single-homeless' people who do not have the same rights to emergency housing as others do.

To get emergency housing from your local authority you must:

1. be legally homeless meaning you:
 - have no roof over your head now, or in the near future
 - have not chosen to be homeless
 - are fleeing from domestic abuse
 - have been released from prison or hospital with nowhere to go
 - live in overcrowded or hygienically unsafe accommodation
2. be 'eligible for assistance', meaning you:
 - have the right to live in the UK
 - can receive housing benefit
3. be in 'priority need' meaning you:
 - are 'vulnerable'
 - have children who depend on you
 - are pregnant
 - are homeless due to a fire, flood or other disaster
 - are 16-17 years old

For free help with your emergency housing application:

1. Streetlink
 - Phone: **0300 500 0914**
2. Shelter
 - Web: england.shelter.org.uk
 - Phone: **0808 800 4444** (8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm weekends)
3. Citizens Advice Bureau
 - Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk
 - Phone: **03444 111 444**
4. UK Government
 - Web: <https://www.gov.uk/homelessness-help-from-council>

If your application is rejected:

- you should appeal the rejection if you think it is wrong. You have 21 days to appeal this decision
- Shelter and Citizens Advice Bureau can help you with your appeal

Short Term Emergency Housing

- emergency nightshelters will allow you to stay there for 1 or 2 nights
- **No Second Night Out: www.nosecondnightout.org.uk** (via Streetlink)
- 'cold' and 'winter' shelters are open in winter
- **Womens Refuges are available for women fleeing domestic violence** (Call the National Domestic Violence Helpline on **0808 2000 247** if you are experiencing domestic violence or abuse.)

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Email changes and suggestions to:

val@thepavement.org.uk

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DRUGS/ALCOHOL

722 YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICE

722 Leytonstone High Rd, E11 3AJ
0300 555 1158; www.nelft.nhs.uk/services-waltham-forest-722-substance-misuse

Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm

For people 10–18 in Waltham Forest.

AH, AD, BA, D, NE, OL

999 CLUB (DEPTFORD CENTRE)

21 Deptford Broadway, SE8 4PA

020 8695 5797; 999club.org/our-services/

Mon–Fri: 9–12am (9–10.30am rough sleepers); Mon: 9–12am (mental health); Tue: 9–12am (Samaritans); Wed: 9–12am (drug & alcohol worker); Thu: 9–12am (nurse)

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ADDACTION SMART

9b Mitcham La, Streatham, SW16 6LG
02086778541 / 0208769 4764; www.addaction.org.uk/

Mon: 9.30am–5pm; Tue: 9.30am–1pm; Wed: 2–5pm; Thu: 9.30am–5pm; Fri: 9.30am–2pm

Advice, info & support. Assessment, counselling, referral to specialist providers & user groups.

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ADFAM

020 3817 9410; www.adfam.org.uk/

For families affected by drugs & alcohol.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

0845 769 7555; www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/; help@alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

AD, C, D, MS, NE, OW

Calls charged at local rate on BT lines. Other networks may vary. Links to local support groups.

C

ANTIDOTE SERVICES (LONDON FRIEND)

86 Caledonian Rd, N1 9DN
020 7833 1674; www.antidote-lgbt.com/

Mon–Fri: 10am–6pm; Mon: 9–12am (walk-in clinic, MSM clinic, Capper St) & 11am–1pm (drop-in for referral or chat. Women workers, 86 Caledonian Rd); Tue: 5–7pm (MSM CODE clinic, 56 Dean St); Thu: 6–8.30pm (LGBT drop-in, 32a Wardour St)

Service targeted at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

A, C, D, SH

ASLAN (ALL SOULS LOCAL ACTION NETWORK)

c/o All Souls Clubhouse, 141 Cleveland St, W1T 6QG

<http://www.allsouls.org/>

Sat: 5.30–7.45am (tea run: 5.30–6.15 Tavistock St; 6.15–6.45 Savoy Pl; 6.45–7.30 King William IV St; All Souls Ch 7.40–7.45); Sat: 9–12am (day centre at Webber St. Showers & clothes – tickets from Webber St on Mons);

Sat: 6.30–8.30pm (entertainment – invites via tea run or All Souls.)

If you need step-free access, a volunteer will let you in via Cleveland St entrance.

AC, CL, D, ET, F, FF, LF

BENZODIAZEPINE ADDICTION, WITHDRAWAL & RECOVERY

<http://www.benzo.org.uk/>

Info & support groups for users.

AD

BREAK THE CYCLE

Community Hse, 311 Fore St, Enfield N9 0PZ

020 8373 6307 /07807 789473

Mon–Fri: 9am–3pm (café for clients of 12 Centre Way); Tue & Wed: 9am–midnight (peer-support; Weds 3–4pm women only); Fri: 2–6pm (peer-support) Service user forum set up by current & ex-users of Enfield drug services. Phone or email btc@ggce.org.uk.

AD, D, F

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE

3–7 Arneway St, Horseferry Rd, SW1P 2BG

020 7227 1673; gateway@cardinalhumecentre.org.uk;

www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk

Mon, Tue, Thu: 9.15am–4.30pm (closed 1–2pm); Wed: 9.15am–7pm (closed 1–2pm)

Works with homeless young people, badly-housed families & others in need. Spanish (Wed) & Arabic (Fri) speakers by appointment.

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CENTRAL & NW LONDON SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE

Crowther Mkt, 282 North End Rd, SW6 1NH

www.cnwl.nhs.uk/services/addictions-

A Alcohol workers

AC Art classes

AD Advocacy

AH Accommodation/
housing advice

B Barber

BA Benefits advice

BE Bedding available

BS Bathroom/showers

C Counselling

CA Careers advice

CL Clothing store

D Drugs workers

DA Debt advice

DT Dentist

EF Ex-forces

EO Ex-offenders

ET Education/training

F Food

FF Free food

and-substance-misuse-services/

Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm

Services inc the Centre for Compulsive & Addictive Behaviour, Soho Centre for Health & Care, Club Drug Clinic, H'smith & Fulham Community Drug & Alcohol Service (CDAS), Hillingdon Drug & Alcohol Services (HDAS), Kensington & Chelsea Community Assessment & Primary Service (CAPS), Kingston Wellbeing Service, Surbiton Health Centre, Max Glatt Unit, Chelsea Mental Health Centre, Problem Gambling Clinic, N Westminster Drug & Alcohol Service, Recovery Intervention Services (RISE), The Junction Drug & Alcohol Service.

C, D, MS

CGL ISLINGTON

99–101 Seven Sisters Rd, N77QP
020 7272 1231 / 020 7561 3310; www.changegrowlive.org/content/cgl-isington;

Islington.ISIS@cgl.org.uk

Mon, Wed, Fri: 10.30am–5pm (open access); Tue: 2–5.30pm (open access)
Tue: 3–5pm; Thu: 2–8pm (closed 5–6pm)

Treatment, support, help & advice about substance misuse, with healthcare, prescribing, complementary therapies, key-working, peer mentor scheme, women's service etc. SMART, NA & CA, Counselling. Phone first. Helpline: **0808 800 0019**.

CL, C, D, ET, MS, NE, OL, OW, SH, SF

CGL – CAMDEN COMMUNITY DRUGS SERVICE (CAMDEN)

184 Royal College St, NW1 9NN

020 7485 2722; www.changegrowlive.org/content/camden-community-drug-service; anna.jezuita@cgl.org.uk

Mon & Thu: 9.30am–8pm; Tue, Wed, Fri: 9.30am–5pm

Confidential treatment & support for adults in Camden with substance use issues. Drop in, phone or email.

AH, AD, BA, C, D, LA, MS, MH, NE, OL

CGL – CAMDEN COMMUNITY DRUGS SERVICE (KILBURN)

210 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 4JH

0207 7485 2722; www.changegrowlive.org/content/camden-community-drug-service

Mon & Thu: 9.30am–8pm; Tue, Wed, Fri: 9.30am–5pm; Sat: 10am–2pm

Treatment & support for adults in Camden with substance use issues. Drop in, phone or email anna.jezuita@cgl.org.uk for an appointment.

CGL – GATEWAY SERVICE (BARKING & DAGENHAM)

Red Lion Hse, 38 George St, Barking, IG11 8FE

020 8507 8668 / 020 8594 8504; www.changegrowlive.org/content/red-lion-service-barking-dagenham

Mon: 10am–midnight (appointments 5–7pm); Tue & Fri: 2–4pm; Thu: 5–7pm (appointments)

Counselling, support & info for drug users aged 19+. Drop in or phone.

C, D, MS

CGL – NEW DIRECTION

410 Lewisham High St, SE13 6LJ

FC Foot care
IT Internet access
L Laundry
LA Legal advice
LF Leisure facilities

LS Luggage storage
MD Music/drama
MH Mental health
MS Medical/health services

NE Needle exchange
OL Outreach worker links
OW Outreach workers
SH Sexual health
TS Tenancy support

SF Step-free

020 8314 5566; www.changegrowlive.org/content/new-direction-lewisham
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.30am–5.30pm (open access); Tue: 1.30–5pm (open access)

Nurses, keyworkers, doctors & counsellors, plus a peer mentor programme. Gender-specific services. Complementary health. NA, CA & SMART. For assessment, attend an open-access session. Referrals by phone or email on ND.Referrals@cgl.org.uk

A, C, D, ET, MS, NE, OW

CGL – SOME SPACE CAMDEN

7–8 Early Mews, Arlington Rd, NW1 7HG
020 3227 4950; www.icascamden.org.uk/; anna.jezuita@cgl.org.uk

Mon: 10am–midnight (appointments 5–7pm); Tue & Fri: 2–4pm; Thu: 5–7pm (appointments)

For people experiencing difficulty with, or affected by, alcohol use issues. Drop in, phone or email for an appointment.

A, OL

COOLTAN ARTS

3rd Fl, 224–236 Walworth Rd, SE17 1JE
0207 701 2696; www.cooltanarts.org.uk/

Tue–Fri: 10am–5pm

Award-winning charity for adults with experience of mental health distress.

AD, AC, BA, CA, ET, LF, MH, MD, OW, SF

CRANSTOUN CITY RDS (CRISIS INTERVENTION)

William Hart Hse, 352–358 City Rd, EC1V 2PY

020 7843 1640/020 7278 8671; www.cranstoun.org/

Residential crisis intervention, primary healthcare & assessment, detox, one-to-one support, group work, complementary therapies, individual care plan & discharge planning. Also planned inpatient detox. Helpline (24/7) run by trained staff.

C, D, MS

DUAL DIAGNOSIS ANONYMOUS

07702 510 110; www.ddauk.org/
programs; info@ddauk.org

Mon: 7–8pm Oasis Centre, W12 8PB;

Tue: 7–8pm S Kensington & Chelsea MH

Centre, SW10 9NG; Wed: 7.30–8.30pm

EACH, W7 3UG; Fri: 7–8pm Oasis Centre;

Sat: 1–2pm Ealing Hosp, UB1 3EU

Self-help organisation supports people who are struggling with addiction &

mental health through a '12 Step + 5' recovery programme, workshops & other services. Phone or email.

C, MH

EVOLVE HOUSING & SUPPORT

9 Akabusi Close, Croydon CR0 6YL

020 8662 1171; www.evolvehousing.org.uk/

Mon–Fri: 9am–4pm

Accommodation for 10 people aged 21–69 who have experienced alcohol-and/or drug-related problems, & are currently dry/clean & wish to remain so. Please phone for an assessment.

A, C, D

KEY

A Alcohol workers

AC Art classes

AD Advocacy

AH Accommodation/

housing advice

B Barber

BA Benefits advice

BE Bedding available

BS Bathroom/showers

C Counselling

CA Careers advice

CL Clothing store

D Drugs workers

DA Debt advice

DT Dentist

EF Ex-forces

EO Ex-offenders

ET Education/training

F Food

FF Free food

EXCHANGE SUPPLIES

01305 262244; www.exchangesupplies.org/

Mon–Fri: 8.30am–5pm (not bank holidays)

Info about safer drug use. Also supplies (Naxolone etc).

FAITH IN ACTION (HOMELESSNESS PROJECT MERTON)

Salvation Army Citadel, 109 Kingston Rd, S Wimbledon, SW19 3JR

07843 280 419; www.mertonfaithinaction.org/

Wed & Fri: 10am–3pm

Drop-in for rough sleepers, & for people who are vulnerably housed, socially excluded, vulnerable or isolated, & for those with addiction issues. Advocacy, alcohol & drug advice.

AH, AD, A, BS, BA, CL, C, D, F, L, LF, MH

FRANK

0300 123 6600; www.talktofrank.com/

Mon–Sun: 2–6pm (live chat)

Drug advice for young people – free from landlines.

AD, C, D, OL

GREAT CHAPEL STREET MEDICAL CENTRE

13 Great Chapel St, W1F 8FL

020 7437 9360; www.greatchapelst.org.uk/

Mon–Fri: 10–12.30am, 2–4.30pm

(doctor; nurse; drugs, alcohol & mental health nurse; housing advisor); Mon:

10–12am (counselling); Mon, Tue,

Thu: 10–12.30am (doctor); Tue & Thu: 10am–5pm (dental service); Tue: 2–4.30pm (counselling); Fri: 9–12.30am (podiatry)
Primary healthcare for homeless people. Psychiatry by appointment.

AH, AD, A, C, D, FC, MS, MH

GROUNDWELL HOMELESS HEALTH PEER ADVOCACY

3rd Fl, 55 Bondway, SW8 1SJ

0300 0039600; groundswell.org.uk/

Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm (appointments)

Advocates with experience of homelessness support homeless people to access healthcare. Support with health appointments in W'minster, H'smith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, Camden, Hackney, Hounslow & Wandsworth.

AD, ET, OW

HARINGEY RECOVERY SERVICE

590 Seven Sisters Rd, N15 6HR

020 8801 3999; www.mungos.org/services/recovery_from_homelessness/haringey_recovery_service

Tue & Thu: 10am–7pm; Mon, Wed, Fri: 10am–4.30pm; Sat: 10am–4pm

Works with individuals in recovery from drug & alcohol misuse.

AD, A, AC, BA, CA, C, DA, D, ET, IT, LA, LF, MH, MD, OL, OW, SH, SF, TS

HEALTH E1

9–11 Brick La, Aldgate East, E1 6PU

020 7247 0090; www.healthe1practice.nhs.uk/home/

Mon–Thu: 9–12am (drop-in) & Mon

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2–3.30pm (drop-in mental health clinic);
Fri: 10am–11am (smoking cessation) &
11am–5pm (drop-in, closed 11am–2pm)
For homeless & vulnerably-housed
people, people in hostels or B&Bs in
Tower Hamlets & those placed in temp
accommodation elsewhere. Wide range
of services – phone for info.

BA, D, MS, MH, NE, SH

HOPE WORLDWIDE/ TWO STEP

360 City Rd, EC1V 2PY

020 7713 7655; www.hopeworldwide.org.uk/

Mon–Thu: 10am–4pm (appointments)
Works with the disadvantaged, including
refugees, homeless people, ex-offenders
& those with drug & alcohol issues. Runs
successful abstinence programme.

AH, AD, A, C, D, TS

ICAS – INTEGRATED CAMDEN ALCOHOL SERVICE

7–8 Early Mews, Arlington Rd, NW1 7HG

020 3227 4950; www.icascamden.org.uk/

Mon: 10am–midnight (appointments
5–7pm); Tue & Fri: 2pm–4pm; Thu:
5pm–7pm (appointments)

For people with, or affected by, alcohol
use issues.

A, OW

ISLINGTON YOUNG PEOPLE'S DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICE

50 Isledon Rd, N7 7LD

020 7527 5099; drugs@islington.gov.uk

Mon–Fri: 9am–7pm

Counselling, advice & info on drug &
alcohol issues to young people up to the
age of 21. Ring for info or appointment.
Referrals by phone or email.

AD, A, D, OW

KAIROS COMMUNITY TRUST

22 Linden Gr, SE15 3LF

020 7277 6264; www.

kairoscommunity.org.uk/

Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm

Supported accommodation for single
homeless people 18+ with drug &
alcohol dependency who are committed
to becoming clean & dry. If no
vacancies, placed on waiting list. Help
with benefits, getting ID & funding.

AD, A, BA, D

LIFELINE BASIS SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE

Royal Arsenal Medical Centre, 21 Arsenal
Way, Woolwich, SE16 6TE

020 3696 2640; lifelinebasis.org.uk/

Mon–Fri: 9am–4.30pm (later by
appointment)

Cannabis; cocaine & party drugs; new
psychoactive substances (formerly 'legal
highs') & party drugs; steroids; alcohol
(non-dependent); & 'chemsex'.

A, AC, D, LF, OL, OW, SF

OVER-COUNT

01387770404; over-count.weebly.com/

Tue: 7–10pm

For people addicted to OTC drugs.

AD

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FF Free food

PROVIDENCE ROW

82 Wentworth St, E1 7SA

020 7375 0020; www.providencerow.org.uk/

Mon: 10–11.30am (men) & 2–3pm (yoga); Tue: 9.30–12.30am (homeopathy), 11.30–12.30am (relaxation) & 2–3.30pm (women); Wed: 11.30am–1pm (peer support, addictions); Mon–Fri: 9am–3.30pm (needle exchange – closed 12.30–1.30pm); Thu: 11am–1pm (art & wellbeing); Fri: 10–11.30am (computer assisted therapy & self-harming support) Most of their facilities are step-free.

AC, BS, BA, CA, C, D, ET, F, FF, IT, MH, NE

RELEASE (DRUG & LEGAL HELPLINE)

020 7324 2989; <http://www.release.org.uk/>; ask@release.org.uk

Mon–Fri: 11am–1pm & 2–4pm (drugs helpline – 0845 4500 215) Advice on drugs & drugs law.

AD, LA

REMAR ASSOCIATION UK

847 High Rd, Leytonstone, E11 1HH
020 8539 0452; www.remar.uk.com/

Wed: 7.30pm–8.30pm (William IV St, Strand – hot drinks, biscuits & sandwiches)

Assistance to individuals suffering from drug or alcoholic addiction. 24-hour helpline: 0791 758 5056

A, D, FF

RE-SOLV

01785 810762; www.re-solv.org/

Mon–Fri: 10.00am–4.00pm (helpline – not public holidays)

Info about inhalant abuse. Outside helpline hours, there's an emergency contact. Good leaflets. Phone or email (information@re-solv.org). Works closely with Solve It, who offer online counselling (01536 414690).

AD, C, D, OL

SHP

245 Gray's Inn Rd, WC1X 8QY

020 7520 8660; www.shp.org.uk/

Mon–Sun: 9am–5pm (referral helpline – 020 7520 8660)

Accommodation & support. To discuss referral, call 020 7520 8660.

AH, AC, BA, CA, DA, ET, IT, OW, TS

SHP – CAMDEN RECOVERY SERVICE, ISLINGTON AFTERCARE & HARINGEY ETE SERVICE

The London Irish Centre, 50–52 Camden Sq, NW1 9XB

020 7520 8682; www.shp.org.uk/camdenrecovery

Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm

Supports Camden residents who have experienced substance use treatment or are in recovery into education, training & employment.

AH, ET, SF

SILOAM COMMUNITY SERVICES

c/o Salvation Army, Lower Community Hall, Nunhead Green, SE15 3RT

020 8695 8873; siloamcs.co.uk/

Tue: 7–8pm (free cooked meal); Tue & Thu: 10am–2pm (café & drop-in)

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STOLL

446 Fulham Rd, SW6 1DT
020 7385 2110; www.stoll.org.uk/
Mon–Fri: 9am–5pm (closed 12.30–1.30);
Wed: 4–7pm (alt weeks – phone)
Supported housing for ex-service personnel. Housing, life-changing support inc employment training, advice, addiction services & health & wellbeing activities.

AH, AD, A, BA, CA, C, DA, D, ET, MH, MD, OW, TS

THE MANNA AT ST STEPHEN'S

17 Canonbury Rd, N1 2DF
020 7226 5369
Tue: 7–9pm; Fri: 9–11am; Wed: 1–3pm
A drop-in & key work service for homeless people in Islington, offering leisure facilities and targeted key work.

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THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT

47 Tooting Bec Gdns, Streatham, SW16 1RF
020 8773 7417; www.tnp.org.uk/
For men who have got caught up in the cycle of alcohol, drugs & crime. Supported housing and move-on accommodation. Please phone.

AD, A, C, D

THE PILION TRUST

Omnibus Bldg, 39–41 North Rd, N7 9PD
020 7700 2498; www.facebook.com/piliontrust/
Mon–Fri: 10am–5pm; Sun: 2–5pm

(outreach at Margins, Union Chapel)
Works with people who have been affected by drugs, alcohol & mental health.

AD, A, C, D, MH, OL, OW

THE TAB

Shoreditch Tabernacle Baptist Ch, 3 Godfrey Pl, E2 7NT
020 7739 3076; www.tabcentre.com/
Fri: 9–12am
Support & friendship to people experiencing homelessness, & alcohol & drug addiction.

D, F

TURNING POINT STH WESTMINSTER DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICE

32a Wardour St, W1D 6QR
020 7437 3523; www.turning-point.co.uk/south-westminster
Mon–Fri: 10am–5.30pm; Sat & Sun: 11am–4.30pm

C, D, MH, NE, OL

WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICE (WCDAS)

St John's Therapy Centre, 162 St John's Hill, Battersea SW11 1SW
020 8812 4120
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9am–4.30pm; Wed: 1–7pm

A, D, ET, MS, MH, NE, OL, OW, SH, SF

WDP – THE SEVENTY4 FOUNDATION

18 Dartmouth St, SW1H 9BL

KEY

A Alcohol workers

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EF Ex-forces

EO Ex-offenders

ET Education/training

F Food

FF Free food

020 7233 0400; www.wdp.org.uk/find-us/seventy4-foundation

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30am–5pm; Tue & Thu: 9.30am–8pm

Counselling for people with drug or alcohol dependency problems. Dual diagnosis. Groups for women & men. Phone for an appointment.

A, C, D

WDP – WESTMINSTER DRUG PROJECT

470–474 Harrow Rd, W9 3RU

020 7266 6200; <http://www.wdp.org.uk/>

Mon–Fri: 1–5pm (open access)
Structured treatment, outreach & aftercare. Advice about BBVs.

AH, AD, C, D, MS, NE, OL, OW

WDP – ENFIELD ROOTS

12 Centre Way, Claverings Ind Est, Montagu Rd, N9 0AH

020 8379 6970; www.wdp-drugs.org.uk

Support for people who come through the criminal justice system & are experiencing problems with drugs and/or alcohol.

A, D

WDP – WANDSWORTH DRUG PROJECT

86 Garratt La, SW18 4DB

020 8875 4400; www.wdp-drugs.org.uk

Mon–Fri: 1–5pm; Sat: 1–4pm
Aims to reduce the exclusion of drug users & minimise the harm they may

cause to themselves & the community.

AH, AD, A, AC, CA, C, D, ET, MS, NE, OL, OW

FOOD/SOUP RUNS

ABUNDANT LIFE HOUSING SERVICES

9 Campbell Rd, Stratford E15 1SY

0208 534 2194/2316

Sat: 2–5pm

AH, FF

ACTON HOMELESS CONCERN

Emmaus Hse, 1 Berrymead Gdns, W3 8AA

020 8992 5768;

actonhomelessconcern.org/

Call for times of their services.

A, B, BA, CL, C, DT, D, F, FC

AGAPE

01483 824006; www.knaphillchurch.co.uk/agaape.htm

Wed: 7.45–9.15pm (Embankment)

FF

AMERICAN INT'L CHURCH SOUP KITCHEN

79a Tottenham Court Rd, W1T 4TD

020 7580 2791; amchurch.co.uk/soup-kitchen

Mon & Tue: 10–12am; Thu–Sat: 10–12am

Meals, clothes (alt Mons) & toiletries.

CL, FF

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AMURT

020 88064250; www.amurt.org.uk/who-we-are/amurt-uk/
Thu: 6.15–7.30pm (Lincoln's Inn Fields)
Vegetarian food & music.

FF

ASLAN

c/o All Souls Clubhouse, 141 Cleveland St, W1T 6QG

www.allsouls.org/

Sat: 5.30–7.45am (tea run: 5.30 Tavistock St; 6.15 Savoy Pl; 6.45 King William IV St; All Souls Ch 7.40);
Sat: 9–12am (day centre at Webber St. Breakfast, bible group, ESOL, photography & art. Showers & clothes for ticket holders. Tickets from Webber St on Mons); Sat: 6.30–8.30pm (entertainment – invites via tea run or welcome desk at All Souls.

AC, CL, D, ET, F, FF, LF

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

235 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8EP

020 7240 0544

Sun: 12.30am–2.30pm

Limited number of tickets for Sun roast available at 10.30am.

FF

BRIDGES

Memorial Community Church, 389–395 Barking Rd, E13 8AL

020 7474 6603

Sat: 8–11.30am (breakfast 9–11am);

Mon: 10am–2pm

Nurse clinics & signposting to other

agencies. Practical activities & life skills.

BS, BA, CL, FF, MS, OL

CARPENTERS CAFÉ

17 Doran Walk (enter from Carpenters Rd), Stratford, London E15 2JL

07932 661 089; carpenterscafe.co.uk/

Tue: 10am–12am (food, drinks, clothes, books, toiletries, showers)

BS, BE, CL, D, F, FF, SF

CHRIST APOSTOLIC CHURCH (BETHEL) UK

217–23 Kingsland Rd, E2 8AN

020 7729 4375/ 661

Sat: 2–3.30pm (last Sat of month); Sun: 8–9am

Sun morning – cooked breakfast; last Sat of month for hot meals.

FF

CHRISTIAN KITCHEN

65 Blackhorse Rd, Walthamstow, E17 7AS

Mon–Sun: 7.30–8.30pm (Mission Grove car park)

Hot meals from mobile kitchen van.

FF

CHURCHES FOODBANK (NEWHAM)

020 8555 9880; 020 8534 www.churchesfoodbank.org.uk/

Thu: 1–3pm (Woodgrange Baptist Ch, Romford Rd, E7 8AA); Tue: 9–11am (St Paul & St James, Maryland Rd, E15 1JL)

Referral from an independent agent (support worker etc).

Ad, BS, F, FF

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COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

07595 931348; santegidio.

org.uk

Sat: 5–7pm (Gloucester Rd tube, Ken High St, Victoria Stn); Sat: 3–7.30pm (tea & cakes, Carmelite Priory, Pitt St W8 4JH – see website for details)

CL, F, LA

COMMUNITY TABLE

Southcroft Church (Ichthus), 276 Mitcham Lane, Streatham, SW16 6NU

020 8677 0880

Thu: 11am–2pm

Barber every 4 weeks – phone to check.

B, BS, CL, FF

COPTIC CITY MISSION

0207 937 5782

Tue: 9–10pm (Seaforth Pl, behind Westminster City Hall)

FF

EALING SOUP KITCHEN

St John's Ch Hall, Mattock La, W13 9LA

0208 840 0651

Sat & Sun: 3.30–5pm; Mon: 7–9pm

(Salv'n Army Hall, Leeland Rd, W13 9HH (food & drinks, practical help); Thu & Fri:

10am–4pm (advice) Fri: 11am–4pm

Practical help/advice. AA meetings.

FF

EMMANUEL CHURCH (STRATFORD)

Romford Rd/Upton Lane, E7 8BD

020 8522 1900

Thu: 7.30–8.30am

MISTAKES?
Email val@
thepavement.
org.uk – thanks

Cooked breakfast.

FF

EMMANUEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

374 Lee High Rd, SE12 8RS

020 8852 8261

Tue: 6–8pm

FF

FARM STREET CHURCH

114 Mount St, W1K 3AH

020 7493 7811

Mon: 8–10.30pm

Oxford St route: Davies St, Bourdon St, S Molton St, Oxford St (S Moulton St to Oxford Circ), top of Regent St to Hanover St, Hanover Sq, **New Bond St–**

Berkeley Sq route: Berkeley Sq; Berkeley St; Green Pk tube; Piccadilly. **Hyde**

Pk Corner route: Mount St; Park La underpasses (Park La & Hyde Pk Corner); Shepherds Mkt; Curzon St.

FF

FAST58

www.fast58.org.uk/

Fri: 8.45–11pm (Strand, near Ryman's);

Fri: 9.15–10.30pm (Waterloo, near

IMAX)

FF

THE HUB

101a Pears Road, Hounslow, TW3 1SS

020 8569 5359

Tue & Thu: 10–12am (drop-in)

Low-cost coffee & tea.

F

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FINSBURY PARK MOSQUE

7–11 St Thoms's Rd, N4 2QH

020 7424 5252

Mon, Tue, Fri: 10.30am–1pm (women's group); Thu: 6pm–8pm (soup run – 7pm–9pm in summer)

C, ET, L, LA

FLOWING RIVERS FOUNDATION

07985585996

Tue: 7–10pm (fellowship – Castle Green, Dagenham); Sun: 6.30–8pm (2nd & 3rd week of month – Lincoln's Inn Fields)

CL, FF

FOODCYCLE

Oxford Hse, Bethnal Grn, E2 6HG

020 7729 2775; foodcycle.org.uk/

Wed: 1–2pm Southwood Smith Centre, N1 0LY; 6.30–7.30pm St Paul's Church, NW1 6NJ; Thu: 12.30am–1.30pm New Kingshold Centre, E9 7LP; Sat: 1.15pm–2.15pm Lewisham Irish Community Centre, SE6 2AZ; Sat: 5.30–6.30pm All Saints Church Hall, SE15 4QS; Sun: 1–2pm Somers Tn Com Centre, NW1 1EE; 2–3pm (for people living with HIV) The Food Chain, Acorn House, WC1X 8DP

Hot three-course meals. Take home food.

F, FF

GOOD SAMARIA NETWORK

12 Voyagers Close, SE28 8QQ

0203 651 0869

Sun: 6–7pm (Lincoln's Inn Fields)

FF

HARE KRISHNA FOOD FOR ALL

102 Caledonian Rd, N1 9DN

07946 420 827; iskconuk.com/

Mon–Sat: 12am–1pm (behind Kentish Tn stn); Mon–Sat: 1–1.45pm (Arlington Rd); Mon–Sat: 2–2.30pm (York Way); Mon–Fri: 12.45am–1.45pm (LSE & SOAS); Mon–Thu: 7.30–8.30pm (Lincoln's Inn Fields)

Vegetarian.

ET, FF, IT, LF

HARINGEY MIGRANT SUPPORT CENTRE

St John Vianney Ch Hall, 386 W Green Rd, N15 3QL

07544078332

Mon: 1–5pm (drop-in, immigration & welfare advice, lunch)

AD, BA, FF, LA

HARVEST OF GRACE (DEPTFORD METHODIST MISSION)

1 Creek Rd, Deptford, SE8 3BT

020 8692 0048

Sat: 12am–2pm (lunch only)

FF

EAT OR HEAT

1A Jewel Rd, E17 4QU

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30–7:30pm

www.eatorheat.org

Professional referral only. Emergency food aid to those identified by public services/agencies as being in need.

FF

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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19 Thayer St, W1U 2QJ
020 7935 6179; www.hindestreet.org.uk

Wed: 4.30–8pm

A safe, warm space to relax; soup, sandwiches & drinks for 10p each; free sandwiches from local cafés after 7pm.

F, FF

HOLY NATION CHURCH

020 7630 7987

Fri: 9–11pm (W'loo station)

FF

IMPERIAL COLLEGE

07535250294 (Samuel)

Sun: 8.30–9.30pm (Lincoln's Inn Fields)

FF

KING'S CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH

Vernon Sq, King's X Rd, WC1X 9EW

020 7837 7182; www.kingscrossbaptistchurch.com/

Tue: 11am–1pm

Friendly local church at the heart of its community.

FF, LF

LIGHTHOUSE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

88b Cavendish Rd, N4 1RS

0208 245 4917

Sat: 1.30–2.30pm (hot food); Sun:

12.30am–1.30pm (soup kitchen,

counselling & clothes); Wed: 7.30–

8.30pm (clothes)

CL, FF

LOVE STREATHAM

Streatham United Reform Church, 388

Streatham High Rd, SW16 6HX

Mon: 7–9pm

FF

LOVE TO THE NATIONS MINISTRY

079044 44194

Sun: 4–4.30pm (alt weeks, Charing X –

phone); Wed: 7–7.30pm (hot drinks & sandwiches, Charing X)

Meals, toiletries, clothes, sleeping bags.

FF, MS

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

020 8808 7697

Tue: 8–8.30pm (Lincoln's Inn Fields)

FF

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY SOUP KITCHENS

020 8960 2644

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 3.30–5pm (Pius X Ch

Hall); Sun: 3.45–4.15pm (Pius X); Mon–

Wed: 10.30–11am (112–6 St George's

Rd); Fri & Sat: 10.30–11am (St George's

Rd); Sun: 3–3.30pm (St George's Rd);

Mon: 10–10.30pm (Tothill St); Mon:

9.30–10pm (Spitalfields)

FF

MUSWELL HILL CHURCHES SOUP KITCHEN

Muswell Hill Baptist Church, 2 Dukes Ave,

N10 2PT

020 8444 7027

Sun–Thu: 7.45–8.45pm

FF

FC Foot care
IT Internet access
L Laundry
LA Legal advice
LF Leisure facilities

LS Luggage storage
MD Music/drama
MH Mental health
MS Medical/health services

NE Needle exchange
OL Outreach worker links
OW Outreach workers
SH Sexual health
TS Tenancy support

SF Step-free

NIGHTWATCH

Mon–Sun: 9.30pm–10pm (Queen’s Gdns, Croydon)
Vocational & educational materials & furniture for resettlement. Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1suz2AG>

CL, ET, FF

NORTH LONDON ACTION FOR THE HOMELESS

St Paul’s Ch Hall, Stoke Newington Rd, N16 7UE

07745227135; www.nlah.org.uk/
Mon: 12am–1.30pm; Wed: 7–8.30pm
Vegetarian meal, tea or coffee. Take-away food & clothing. Health Access Worker. E European outreach worker.

FF, OW

NOTRE DAME CHURCH

020 7440 2660

Sat: 12.30am–2.30pm
Sandwiches from ground floor of the Maison Pierre Chanel, 16 Leicester Sq.

FF

OPEN DOOR MEAL

St James the Less Parish Centre, Thorndike St, Nr Moreton St, SW1V 2PT

020 7630 6282

2nd & 3rd Fri *FF*

ORDER OF MALTA SOUP KITCHEN

Crypt of St James’s Spanish Pl Church, 22 George St, W1U 3QY

Thu: 7.30–9pm

CL, F, FF

OUR LADY OF HAL

165 Arlington Rd, NW1 7EX

020 7485 2727

Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 12.45am–2pm

FF

PRYORS BANK LUNCHES

Pryors Bank Pavilion, Putney Bridge Approach, SW6 3LA

Thu: 12.30am–1.45pm

A main meal, plus fruit, yoghurt, biscuits, home-baked cakes & bread.

FF

ROYAL CONNECTIONS

The Hub Studios, 90 Monier Road (off Wick Lane), Bow, E3 2ND

0300 111 1111; royalconnections.org.uk

Sun: 2–6pm (4th Sun of month)

AH, B, CA, D, ET, FF, LA, MS

SADHU VASWANI CENTRE

0844 500 1744

Wed: 8–8.30pm (Lincoln’s Inn Fields)

Indian food, drinks, chocolates & fruit.

FF

SALLY’S KITCHEN – GOOD FOOD IN THE COMMUNITY

Salvation Army Hall, Southwell Grove, Leytonstone, E11 4PP

07944281485; www.facebook.com/SallysKitchenE11

12am–1.30pm

Two-course meal in warm company.

FF

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (STOKE NEWINGTON)

Yoakley Rd, N16 0BD

020 8800 8422

Wed: 12.15am–1.30pm (drop-in); Sun: 7–7.30pm (Lincoln’s Inn Fields)

FF

SILOAM COMMUNITY SERVICES

c/o Salvation Army, Lower Community Hall, Nunhead Green, SE15 3RT

020 8695 8873; 07925 330290

Tue: 7pm–8pm (free meal); Tue & Thu:
10am–2pm (café & drop-in, housing
advice, practical support)

AH, BA, CL, F, FF, MH, TS

SIMON COMMUNITY (HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY)

129 Malden Rd, NW5 4HS

020 7485 6639; www.simoncommunity.org.uk

Sat & Sun: 1–3pm (street café: St Giles,
nr Centrepoint); Mon–Fri: 7.15–8.30am
(tea run: 7.15, Arundel St; 7.30, Burleigh
St; 7.50, Covent Gdn); Thur: 8.15–
10:30pm (soup run: Duke's Rd/Euston;
Temple; under W'loo Br, behind NT)
Clothing when available.

AH, CL, F, FF, MD, OL, OW

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Star Centre, Greyhound Rd, W14 9SX
07956 587176

Sat: 8.00am–12.30pm

CL, FF

ST ANNE'S DROP-IN KITCHEN

St Anne's Ch Hall, Hemsworth St, N1 6TS
07847 761 361

Sat: 5–7pm

FF

ST IGNATIUS'S CHURCH

Sat: 7.30–8.15pm (Lincoln's Inn Fields)

FF

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

39 Duncan Terr, N1 8AL

020 7226 3277

Tue–Sat: 12.30am–1.30pm

FF

ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

4 Vincent Rd, N15 3QH

020 8888 5518; parish.rcdow.org.uk/westgreen/

Sat: 5.30–6pm (Temple)

Sandwiches, cakes, soup, tea & coffee.
Clothing, mainly for men.

CL, FF

ST JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN

St John the Evangelist, Brownswood Pk,
Gloucester Dr, N4 2LW

www.sjebp.com/soup-kitchen.html

Tue: 7.30–9.15pm (advice 1st of month)
Vegetarian.

FF

ST MONICA'S CHURCH

020 8886 9568

Tue: 8.15–8.45pm (Temple)

FF

ST PATRICK'S OPEN HOUSE

21a Soho Sq, W1D 4NR

020 7437 2010

Thu: 6–8.30pm (registration first; guests
welcome from 7pm)

Home-cooked.

FF

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH

Wed: 9–9.30pm (2nd & last of the
month, Lincoln's Inn Fields)

CL, FF

STREET SOULS

0208 852 3307

Fri: 8–9pm (1st & 3rd week, St Stephen's
Church, Rochester Row)

Meals, sandwiches, hot drinks. Toiletries,
clothing, sleeping bags etc.

CL,FF

STREETLYTES

020 7603 7956

Mon: 6pm–9pm (drop-in, St Stephen's Church)

AH,AD,A,BE,CL,D,FF,OL,OW

TEEN CHALLENGE LONDON

Wilkerson Hse, Uphall Rd, IG1 2JJ

020 8553 3338; www.tclondon.org.uk/

Mon: 9–11pm (Whitechapel); Tue:

9–11.30pm (Hackney); Thu: 9–10.30pm

(Ealing); Wed: 9–11.30pm (Brixton); Sat:

9–11.30pm Stratford Central Baptist Ch;

Fri: 9–11.30pm (W'loo stn)

Hot food & drinks.

FF,OW

THE CABIN

St Gabriel's Community Centre, 21

Hatchard Rd, N19 4NG

020 7272 8195

Mon–Sun: 10.30–11.30am; Thu:

12am–1pm

FF

THE HUB

101a Pears Road, Hounslow, London

TW3 1SS

020 8569 5359

Tue & Thu: 10–12am (drop-in)

Low-cost coffee & tea.

F

THE PENGE RUN

Sat: 8–8.30pm (2nd wk, Tothill St) &

10.15–10.45pm (2nd wk, Lincoln's Inn Fields)

CL,FF

THE SWISS CHURCH

79 Endell St, WC2H 9DY

020 7836 1418

Fri: 12am–1pm (lunch); Tue: 8–10am (breakfast on the steps)

C,FF,MD

TREM (PLACE OF OUR SANCTUARY)

84 Lillie Rd, Fulham, Sw6 1TL

0207 381 5366

Sat: 2–4.30pm (1st Sat of month)

Hot food indoors.

CA,FF

TRIUMPHANT CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

136 W Green Rd, Sth Tottenham, N15 5AD

020 8800 6001; www.triumphant.org.uk

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Sun: 11am–2pm (food bank); Wed:

7–8pm (hot meal); Sun: 9–10am (hot breakfast)

Food bank referral from Haringey agencies.

AD,CL,FF

UCHARITY

020 3642 6868

Mon: 9–11pm (9–10pm, W'loo nr Imax;

10.15–11.15pm, Strand nr Charing X)

FF

URBAN TABLE

Round Chapel, Powerscroft Rd, E5 0PU

020 8533 9676

Sun: 2.30–4pm

FF

WYCOMBE & MARLOW GROUP

Tue: 8.15–8.45pm (Lincoln's Inn Fields)

Hot drinks, food, toiletries & clothes.

CL,FF