

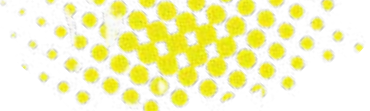


OUR PLANS 2025-26

KEY PROJECTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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OUR MISSION

Every young person should have a safe place to live and the chance to reach their full potential. At Step by Step, we work with young people to overcome challenging circumstances and realise the brighter future they deserve.

Step by Step supports young people facing homelessness and other challenges across six counties in the South of England. As well as providing a safe place to live, we offer a range of specialist support services that make a real, lasting difference. These include counselling, wellbeing and tailored advice.

Our unique approach recognises that young people need more than just a roof over their head if they are to move on to sustainable independent living.

TAKE A STAND AGAINST YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

You can make a real difference to young lives by joining Step by Step's mission.

Around a quarter of our income comes from voluntary sources, and is essential in keeping our services running. It is through these services, and with your help, that we expect to provide over 1,600 young people with life-changing support.

Over the next few pages, you will find details of some of our key projects, as well as opportunities to support our work and take a stand against youth homelessness.

KEY PROJECTS 2025-26

SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION BEDS (SAB)

FUNDING REQUIRED

Young people aged 18-25 live alongside their peers, with their own bedroom and shower, and communal kitchen, dining and lounge areas.

These placements are far more than accommodation – young people have a dedicated Support Worker that provides tailored support focussed on individual need. It is this holistic approach that makes the difference and leads to successful outcomes for the vast majority of those we support.

These placements are only possible through voluntary income.



SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE FLATS (SIF)

FUNDING REQUIRED

These are a unique opportunity for young people to prepare for independent living. Based at our Aldershot Foyer, young people aged 18-25 live in a self-contained flat with their own bedrooms and communal facilities.

SIF placements have proven highly effective in preparing young people for moving on to the next stage in their lives, and are entirely funded by voluntary income.

LAUNCH

FUNDING REQUIRED

Critical to our approach to early intervention, Launch is a unique advice and support service open to all young people aged 11-25 across the six counties we operate in. It offers more than just guidance and sign-posting – young people are assigned a dedicated Support Worker who provides practical support and advocacy.

Launch is free to any young person who needs it, offering key preventative support for homelessness and wellbeing.

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OPPORTUNITIES FUND

FUNDING REQUIRED

This fund is an essential part of our offering and is comprised entirely of voluntary funding.

The Opportunities Fund is used to provide young people with the everyday items they need to overcome the barriers they face. It could be a bike to get to college, smart clothes for a job interview, or train tickets to get to work – anything that helps a young person to progress.

EXTENDED SUPPORTED LODGINGS

Our Supported Lodgings service places young people in the community to live with host individuals or families. Each year, Supported Lodgings prevents homelessness for hundreds of young people, offering them not only a safe, vetted place to live, but the closest thing they can have to family support.

Supported Lodgings placements are only statutorily funded up to the age of 18. Fortunately, we are now able to extend placements thanks to fundraised income, ensuring that young people can stay until they have finished exams, found somewhere to move on to, and are generally ready to leave the placement.

Extended Supported Lodgings is key to ensure support doesn't end when young people need it the most.

FUNDING REQUIRED



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STEP BY STEP FOSTERING

Step by Step Fostering is unique among fostering agencies. All surplus income it generates goes back to support other Step by Step services.

Step by Step Fostering is a key part of our strategy for 2025/26, offering the opportunity to impact even more young lives while bringing in extra income for the charity.



MOVE ON ACCOMMODATION

Young people find themselves in an almost impossible position when looking for a rental property, without a support network around them and facing sky-high rents. This makes it hard to move on from supported accommodation to independent living.

Step by Step are addressing this issue, with a Move On property already supporting young people and with plans to expand this to an additional house this year. These are houses in the community where young people can live independently, but with support from our Support Workers if needed.

We rely entirely on voluntary income to offer this unique, life-changing service.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

SLEEP OUT 2025

Our flagship fundraising event invites you to give up the comfort of your bed and sleep out for the night. While Sleep Out is not intended to replicate the misery and fear of sleeping rough for real, it has proven a fantastic way to raise essential funds and awareness.

Will you join the 1,000+ people who have already slept out for Step by Step and young people facing homelessness?



OPEN DOORS

Christmas is an especially tough time for a young person to be homeless, with reminders everywhere of the fun they're missing out on and the families they cannot be part of.

Help us open our doors to young people, over the festive season and throughout the year, by donating to our Open Doors Christmas appeal and showing these young people they are in your thoughts.

BECOME A HOST OR FOSTER CARER

Could you offer a young person a safe place to call home?

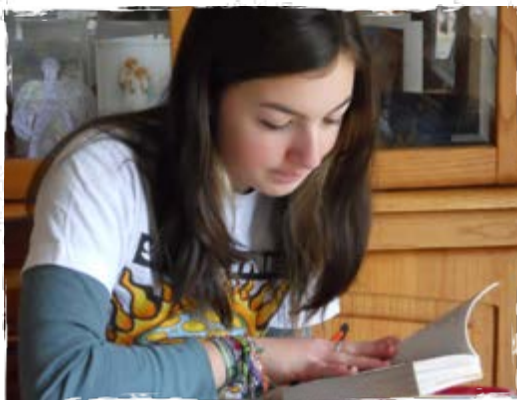
Whether you have just a few hours to spare as a Supported Lodgings Host, or want to offer the love and stability of a Foster Carer, you can make a huge difference in a young person's life.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

SALLY became homeless at just 17 years old. When she thought she had nowhere else to go, there was a new family waiting to offer her safety and support.

Our Supported Lodgings service provided Sally with a stable home and life-skills mentorships.

Sally is doing well at college and wants study Bio-Medics at University. She has found a part-time job that fits around her studies. For the first time, she is feeling confident about her future.



CALUM was forced to leave the family home when his relationship with his stepfather broke down. He was lost and confused, and didn't know where to turn.

Fortunately, we were able to offer Calum a place in our shared accommodation. He was given a dedicated Support Worker to help him identify and work towards his goals. He also accessed our Wellbeing service to address his crippling anxiety.

Calum is now living in private rental accommodation, enjoying the independence that once seemed so far out of reach.

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