



Leicester's Homelessness Charter

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We would love to hear your good news stories!
Please send them in to the email above.

Reemerging from the Pandemic

Over the past two years, homeless services have faced unprecedented challenges, posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, which further highlighted the challenges faced by society's most disadvantaged people. Through successful partnership working and collaboration across statutory and voluntary sectors, Leicester was able to meet the needs of people affected in the midst of a global health crisis. As a Charter and as a City, we should be very proud of this achievement and build on this joined up working as we approach new challenges, such as the cost of living crisis. In February, we were able to appoint a Project Coordinator, Rebecca Pawley, who will be working to bring the visions of Leicester Homeless Charter to life. If you'd like to find out more about the work of the Charter or how you can get involved please contact us on the details above.

MyPlace Fund Launch

In February, we launched our MyPlace Fund, in collaboration with Dear Albert and supported by DeMontfort University and Barclays. Individuals and families recently affected by homelessness are able to apply for funds to purchase items that can't be funded by other emergency funds available. Items requested might include travel passes, a gym membership, musical instrument or art supplies, things to help people to create a settled home environment and make their new house feel like a home. Referrals are being administered by the Lived Experience 'Hope Forum'. To find out more and apply - please click [here](#)!



Respite Rooms

Leicester is one of 12 local areas across England to take part in a trial project to provide accommodation and expert support for rough sleepers or those at risk of sleeping rough, who are victims of violence and abuse. The Leicester service is provided by Panahghar (meaning Safehouse), who provide free dedicated multi lingual support, advice and advocacy and access to safe refuge for BME victims and their families of domestic abuse, sexual abuse or gendered abuse. There are five respite rooms which provide emergency accommodation for men and women, including those who may have substance misuse issues or a history of offending. Panahghar provide everything from emergency clothing and bedding, dishes, food, toiletries and towels.

After an initial period of five nights, women are able to stay in the same place for a longer period of time in their 'second stage' accommodation. This provides women with the time to apply for benefits, or secure employment and to secure longer term housing. To find out more about Panahghar, you can visit their [website](#)



Panahghar 24hr Helpline

0800 055 6519



News and updates

- Congratulations to everyone who took part in The Big Sleep, your efforts raised an incredible £12,900 for [The Bridge](#).
- SoundCafe have returned to face to face and are now offering sessions from the beautiful St Mary de Castro Church, [find out more here](#)
- The Centre Project held a series of events throughout March, for their Self Care month, including free eye tests for guests at their Food Bank. You can find out more about their work on their [website](#)
- St Mungo's Recovery College is offering face to face intensive employment and training support from the Dawn Centre. Full information and details can be found on their [website](#).
- The Hope Forum met with Leicester City Council Commissioners and were consulted as a Lived Experience Forum for their insights and ideas around the current 'wet' day Centre No.5 Service in Hill Street. We look forward to seeing this Forum grow to ensure we hear the voices of people who have experienced homelessness.
- Thank you to everyone who has been in touch to update us about their opening times and services for the [Homelessness Charter Services Directory](#). Please do get in touch if you'd like to amend your entry and help us to ensure that the Directory remains accurate as possible.

Lived Experience Forum

*every second Tuesday



Tuesday 12th April at 2pm
at The Stairway Project
just down from Sainsburys on Humberstone Gate

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