



Leicester's Homelessness Charter

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January 2023

Welcome to the first Charter newsletter of 2023, I hope that you have had a positive start to the New Year so far. A big thank you firstly to everyone who worked so hard in collating the list of services available over the Christmas and New Year break. We worked closely with charter members and Leicester City Council to ensure that every day, including weekends and Bank Holidays, that there was somewhere for people who were experiencing homelessness could go for a meal and access to support.

We are looking forward to continuing to work closely with you all in the year ahead and hope that you will join us at our monthly Charter event. The Charter Coffee mornings are supported by John Lewis Leicester and are held on the first Wednesday of each month between 10am and 12pm at The Place to Eat, which is on the fourth floor of John Lewis Leicester. In January, we heard from **The Shaw Trust, PACT and Langley House Trust**, who talked about the prison release pathway and homelessness. This month, we will be joined by a Funding Officer from the **National Lottery** who will be able to answer questions about funding. Refreshments are provided free of charge, ask Rebecca for a voucher on arrival. To sign up for your place, please go to [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).



Meeting with Jon Ashworth MP

Last week, Bishop Martyn and Project Coordinator, Rebecca met with Jon Ashworth, MP for Leicester South to discuss the work of the Charter and the most pressing issues we are facing. We discussed the concerning levels of families who are experiencing homelessness in the city as well as a lack of affordable housing. We also provided Jon with the full feedback we collated our November event and Jon has written to the Secretary of State for Housing, Levelling Up & Communities, on behalf of everyone at the Charter. We will keep you updated.



Action Homeless celebrates £56,000 Funding Award

Action Homeless have been awarded just over £56,000 in funding from the Severn Trent Community Fund to support their work. The funds will be used to re-open Engage, a wellbeing hub which has been closed since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Engage will offer a range of events and activities to support people experiencing homelessness to improve their mental health, strengthen social networks and gain new skills.

MyPlace Update

MyPlace is a fund established by the Charter with funding from DMU and Barclays to provide items that improve the lives of people who have recently moved into their own accommodation after a period of homelessness. Recent grants have included gym memberships, bicycles, art equipment and other items that help to establish a home and a sense of belonging in their new community. The fund is administered by Dear Albert and applications are reviewed at our monthly HOPE Forum. To find out more about MyPlace and to apply contact hello@dearalbert.co.uk



GIVE Leicester Christmas Panto Campaign

We would like to say a big thank you to DeMontfort Hall for their support of our GIVE Leicester campaign! As part of their pantomime performance of Cinderella, DeMontfort Hall collected donations from audience members via our contactless giving point and donation boxes, they raised an incredible **£7,603.53** which will all be donated to work of The Bridge.



Job Vacancies

Leicester City Council are currently recruiting for two roles within their Homelessness Services team. The roles are a Homeless Pathway Manager and Criminal Justice Homeless Pathway Manager. You can find both of the roles, full description and how to apply, by clicking on the links above. **The Bridge** are recruiting for a **Mentor Project Coordinator** to work within their Lighthouse Project. The Lighthouse Project is their mentoring project & funded by the Church Urban Fund. It aims to provide light, direction and hope into the lives of the individuals we mentor over a period of at least six months. To find out more and apply, please get in touch with gemma@bridgeleicester.org

Midlands Commission into Health Inequalities

Midlands Innovation Health, sponsored by the Midlands Engine, are leading a Policy Commission to form the centre piece of a programme of activity to increase understanding of issues surrounding health inequalities in the Midlands and the ability of the region to respond to them. The Charter have been invited to respond to the Commission around homelessness & health, if you would like to be involved please email Rebecca.

Leicester's Homelessness Lived Experience Forum



14th February 2023
at The Stairway Project

68 Humberstone Gate, Leicester, LE1 3PL
Contact: gil.johal@dearalbert.co.uk

The HOPE Forum will be joined in February by Revd Bishop Martyn Snow, who is keen to hear voices of lived experience. Refreshments and a warm welcome will be provided.

DearAlbert

Sunday Breakfast for Rough Sleepers

Leicester City Council have commissioned local social enterprise, Dear Albert to provide a breakfast service on a Sunday morning for people who are homeless. This new service provides a warm, welcoming space where people who are able to access a hot drink, breakfast as well as signposting to further advice and support. Dear Albert provide immediate, caring and professional support with alcohol and drugs.