

What is supported lodgings?

The St Basils **Home2Home** Supported Lodgings Scheme aims to recruit people (hosts) from within the community and from all walks of life who have a passion and desire to make a difference in a young persons' life.

Hosts will provide a young person with accommodation within their home and support them to develop all the necessary skills they will need to move on to independent living.



How do I apply to become a supported lodgings host?

An application pack can be obtained from St Basils

Call: 0121 772 2483 or
E-mail: recruitment@stbasils.org.uk

For informal enquiries and to find out more about the scheme, ring **Yvette John** on 0121 766 6907 (ext 1260).



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CARING PEOPLE WHO CAN

'Provide a Home, Invest in a future'



**Do you have a spare room?
Are you a caring person with a passion
to help a vulnerable young person?**

Then we need you!

Why do young people need supported lodgings?

Some young people are unable to live at home with their families for a number of reasons including:

- Bereavement of parents
- Family breakdown
- Overcrowding
- Young people at risk of physical, sexual harm or emotional abuse

Either leaving care or no longer able to live at home, some young people are not ready to live on their own and are extremely vulnerable. Many lack the confidence and basic life skills to live independently. This can sometimes result in challenging and traumatic experiences. They are often on their own and as a result may experience long lasting disadvantage such as low academic achievement, poor quality of health and life, low employment prospects and even homelessness.

We need hosts who could offer a period of stability to those young people whilst helping them to develop practical skills, emotional stability, and give encouragement and guidance to be able to live independently and achieve their personal potential.



What do you need to become a supported lodgings host?



- A spare room and a willingness to share your home with a young person between the ages of 16 – 21
- To be able to provide at least one meal a day
- To have an interest and concern for the welfare of young people
- A caring and secure environment
- To get on with young people and have understanding of some of the problems they experience
- To be sympathetic and non-judgemental
- A commitment to treating young people with respect, care and sensitivity
- Patience, compassion, and a good sense of humour!
- A willingness to work alongside Home2Home support staff
- A willingness to undertake a criminal records check and other safeguarding checks
- Live within the Birmingham area

What are the benefits of becoming a supported lodgings host?

Being a supported lodgings host can offer many rewards:

- You will receive a weekly fee of £120 plus a contribution from the young person towards their keep
- You will receive a support package which will include training, opportunities to network, social activities and invitations to events
- You and the young person will be supported throughout the placement
- You will get satisfaction knowing that you helped a young person develop into a responsible adult, who has made the most of the opportunity you have opened up for them
- Through your support the young person will gain the skills and ability to move on to independently living

