

St Basils works with young people to enable them to find and keep a home, to develop their confidence, skills and opportunities and to prevent homelessness

Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

- The Youth Advisory Board provides a dynamic and action focused opportunity for young people at St Basils to contribute to the running of the organisation.
- The Youth Advisory Board has a membership of 15 young people elected by their peers who shadow our Board of Directors and provide advice and expertise to the Directors and senior management team.
- Members are involved in internal quality assurance inspections, policy and strategy decision making activities, delivering peer-led training and advocating on behalf of all St Basils service users.
- The YAB recognises and values the unique expertise that young people bring to service direction, delivery and improvement. It contributes to sustainability, cohesion and future-proofing for communities as well as for the organisation.



'Trying hard and being well meaning is not enough, we want to get the results that help change young people's lives'

St BASILS RESETTLEMENT CENTRE AND FLOATING SUPPORT

St Basils Resettlement Centre is based near the city centre and is the base for St Basils Floating Support Services. The centre also provides a central base for young people citywide to access groupwork and activities, which contributes towards their preparation for independent living.

St Basils floating support services has access to permanent accommodation to enable a young person to move on from supported accommodation. The properties are offered via a consortia of Registered Social Landlords and via a service level agreement with the local authority to interview and re-house eligible young people.

St Basils Floating Support services offers support to young people in specialist areas which are:

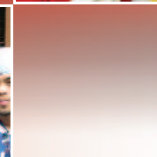
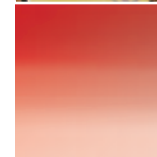
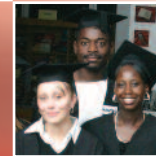
- Floating Support for Care Leavers.
- Floating Support for Young Families.
- Floating Support for Lesbian and Gay young people.
- Floating Support for young people with Mental Health issues.
- Floating Support for young refugees.
- Floating Support for young people at risk and from BME groups.
- Intensive Floating Support.

Floating Support Services are also provided in Birmingham, Solihull, Redditch, Bromsgrove and North Worcestershire for vulnerable young people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

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Preventing Youth Homelessness





Our Services

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Link Housing & Advice:

St Basils Link works with young people who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, to provide access to appropriate accommodation.

The support young people receive:

- Assessment of the individual's needs.
- Assessment of the housing options available to them.
- One-to-one support including agreement on an on-going action plan.
- Access to accommodation in the Birmingham area.
- A list of available accommodation that is updated daily.
- Benefit advice.
- Access to specialist services.
- Referral to St Basils family mediation services.
- Access to Life Skills training.
- Access to local furniture projects.

Home Options:

- Housing advice service for young people presenting at their local neighbourhood office in housing need.
- Home Options workers based within key neighbourhood offices city-wide.
- Assessment of housing and support needs available, to reduce the risk of homelessness and diverting young people away from accessing unsuitable bed and breakfast accommodation.
- Access to a range of preventative services that support young people to remain in the family home or stable accommodation where suitable, such as mediation.

Family Mediation aims to:

- Prevent homelessness by reducing crisis situations and/or promoting a planned move.
- Reduce the impact of poor relationships within families.
- Support young people to remain in the family home or stable accommodation, where suitable.
- Enable young people to make positive choices about their lives.
- Divert young people from using substances, which may put them at risk of becoming homeless.
- Provide Mediation and support to young people aged 13-19, who have substance misuse issues and / or offending behaviour, which are impacting on their relationship with their parent/carer which may result in them becoming homeless.
- To provide Mediation and support to young people aged 13-25, which wish to resolve conflict and improve / rebuild relationships with people of importance to them.
- To assist in developing young peoples social and support networks.
- To provide advice and guidance to young people and their parents / carers around risk behaviour i.e. truancy, school exclusion.



Peer Led Work:

Young people leading on issue based group work projects including;

- Sexual Health.
- Drugs and alcohol.
- Self Awareness, confidence building and team building.



LEARNING, SKILLS AND WORK

STaMP (Schools Training and Mentoring Project):

- Homeless Awareness Sessions for young people in years 10 & 11.
- Contributes to PSHE and Citizenship curriculum.
- Trains young people to become peer educators who co-deliver school sessions.
- OCN level 2 Mentoring course available for young people
- Peer Mentors provide surgeries and 1 to 1 to other young people.

Life Skills Award:

- Accredited qualification.
- Assessed on progression in life skills areas.
- Embedded into key working processes.
- Delivered 1 to 1 on groups - a flexible approach to meet young people's needs.
- Young people receive completion incentives.
- Contributes to pre-tenancy preparation and pathway plans.

Information, Advice & Guidance:

- Qualified staff deliver the support.
- Intensive 1 to 1 support for young people on their education and employment needs.
- Access to travel and grants to attend interviews for education and / or work.
- Connexions Service available.

ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT

St Basils has supported accommodation projects in Birmingham, Solihull, Redditch, Bromsgrove and North Worcestershire;

- Emergency / direct access projects.
- Fully supported accommodation projects.
- Semi-supported accommodation.
- Semi-independent accommodation.
- Mother and baby projects.
- Intensive and comprehensive key work support for every young person.
- Access to other St Basils services.