

St Basils



Working to prevent youth homelessness



St Basils young people recognised for achievements at Awards ceremony

St Basils held its Annual Awards night on 18th October 2011 to celebrate and formally recognise the educational achievements of the young people St Basils works with.

The event held at Fazeley Studios, Birmingham was a chance for St Basils staff and supporters as well as some family members of the young people to congratulate them on passing accredited courses



St Basils Bromsgrove Scheme holds official launch

St Basils' supported accommodation scheme in Bromsgrove for young people has held its official launch; The New Road Foyer which provides a home and skills training for 16 – 25 year olds was officially opened on Tuesday 27th September.

St Basils was awarded £1.5 million of Supporting People funding in 2009 to develop housing related support services for young people in North Worcestershire and as well as Bromsgrove it now has similar schemes in Redditch and



Aston Villa goals raise funds for St Basils

Aston Villa's impressive 3-1 win over Blackburn Rovers at Villa Park turned out to be not only a good result for The Villains but for St Basils too. St Basils is the official charity of Circus Casino owners, Genting Casinos, who are also Aston Villa's main club sponsor. General Manager of the Circus Casino at Starcity, Dave Scott, announced prior to the game to his Villa hosts that he would donate £1000 for every goal scored during the match and present a further £1000 bonus if the team came away with a

they have undertaken this year including Life Skills, Community and Youth Work awards. At the graduation style ceremony, the young people wore caps and gowns and were applauded on stage as they received their awards from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham Anita Ward.
[Read More.](#)



Help St Basils fundraise just by shopping!

Easy Fundraising is an effortless way to help St Basils. If you shop online anyway and use websites such as Amazon, Argos, M&S or Ebay amongst others, easyfundraising.org.uk provides a way for you to help support the work of St Basils by raising up to a few pounds for us every time you shop. This might not seem like much but if everyone does it, it could raise enough funds to be hugely beneficial for our work supporting homeless young people. It takes less than a minute to register, selecting "St Basils" as your cause,

Kidderminster.

The Bromsgrove accommodation scheme, which was built by WM Housing Group, is staffed 24 hours a day and is committed to the same principles as St Basils' 24 Birmingham schemes ensuring that everyone who lives at St Basils is encouraged to take up education, training or employment and making use of on-site facilities, engages in Learning, Skills and Work programmes, to improve their chances of employability and ultimately independence. With 15 young people moved in, the scheme is now full and already starting to make a difference to the young people who live there.
[Read More.](#)



St Basils thanks Business Community for ongoing support

On 11th October 2011 St Basils took the opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to local businesses for the tremendous support they continue to give by raising funds, donating time and skills in support of St Basils vital services. Generously hosted by law firm

victory.
[Read More.](#)



SleepOut so young people don't have to

As the nights draw in, our thoughts turn to those amongst us who may be facing homelessness this winter. However there is something we can do to help prevent homelessness amongst vulnerable young people in Birmingham. Friday 2nd December 2011 will see the 22nd St Basils Big SleepOut take place in Deritend, Birmingham. Last year nearly 300 people took part and it is hoped that this years event will be even bigger. In this sponsored event, supporters sleep outside for one night with only cardboard boxes, a plastic bag and what ever sleeping bags or warm clothes they bring to protect them from the elements. Participants are encouraged to build their accommodation for the night and in the past this has seen some very creative cardboard dwellings be built. This event is one of the most eagerly anticipated on the fundraising calendar and many representatives from the business sector have already signed up, including; PwC, Wragge & Co, Lloyds

then all you need to do is remember to visit the Easy Fundraising website, search for the website you want to shop at from there, the rest of the process is exactly the same as if you'd visited direct and you don't need to do anything else. You'll just get that warm glowing feeling that you're supporting a great cause and **all you have to do is shop!**

[Register Here.](#)



Army organises team building event at emergency accommodation scheme

Earlier this month four members of the Shrewsbury Rifles visited Milner Court, St Basils Emergency Accommodation project for young men. Army Captain Curt Gibson, Rifles Recruitment Officer for the South And West gave a talk on the training and free education opportunities that the army offers as

Wragge & Co at its headquarters at Colmore Row, Birmingham, the lunchtime event was attended by over 70 representatives of local companies including: PwC, Barclays Wealth, CBSO, Smurfit Kappa, Cobbetts, Perkins Slade, Deloitte, Genting Casinos, BHSF, Frank Haslam Milan, Gateley LLP and many others.

The event was a chance to let the businesses know the impact their support has made over the last year and to inform them about the continuing needs of young people at risk of homelessness. Last year nearly 4000 young people sought assistance from St Basils and over 1000 were housed. [Read More.](#)



Young NYRG members present youth views on housing issues at international conference

Two St Basils young residents who are also members of the National Youth Reference Group (NYRG) that St Basils co-ordinates attended the Annual Conference for International Tenants Day, which took place in Brussels, Belgium on

TSB, Squire Sanders Hammonds, Deloitte and The Cube.

The event is again being sponsored by Jaffabox, Harvey Nichols, Smurfit Kappa, Birmingham City Council and Hicks Metals. To register for this unique and inspiring event please visit

www.stbasils.org.uk/sleepout.

If you wish to show your support for the purpose of this event but don't fancy sleeping rough, you can send a donation by text. Simply text ZZZZ11 and the amount you want to donate eg. "ZZZZ11 £5" to 70070 up to a maximum of £10. Thank you so much for your support.



Local restaurants support St Basils by signing up to StreetSmart

For two months every year, November and December, hundreds of top restaurants across the UK give something back to society by running the StreetSmart scheme. Participating restaurants encourage diners to give to local homelessness charities including St Basils by adding a voluntary £1 donation to their bill. This year the following local

well as the range of roles available. After the talk, his team set up some scenarios outside which the young men would have to work as a team to resolve. In one of the scenario's the young men were asked to remove items from a 'mine field' area, several feet to a 'safe area' using just a rope. [See More.](#)

3rd October, to give a presentation and join a panel discussion. The conference was held at the EU Committee of the Regions, with over 100 delegates from across 18 countries, including representatives of the European Commission. The agenda for the day was to discuss the housing issues facing young people across the globe and what different organisations around the world are doing to tackle this problem.

NYRG Coordinator, Tamzin Taylor-Rosser, said;

“The young people presented a solution based presentation on 'The prevention of Youth Homelessness' It was great to see the only two Youth representaives giving a solution to Housing issues as well as raising awareness of youth homelessness. A very proud moment for NYRG and St Basils!”. [Read More for the young people's views.](#)

restaurants have signed up: Edmunds in Brindleyplace, Simpsons in Edgbaston, Aria at the Hyatt, Kababish in both Moseley and Sutton Coldfield, Kinnaree Thai in the Mailbox, Nathaniels in Moseley and both Birmingham Hippodrome's restaurants. Please support them! [Read More.](#)

About St Basils

St Basils has 27 accommodation projects across Birmingham and North Worcestershire, providing supported accommodation for young people aged 16 to 25. We have up to 400 flats or bedsits to meet various needs from emergency and fully supported accommodation on to semi-independent accommodation. In addition to this, around 4000 young people a year access our range of Support services which include prevention services; housing aid and advice; family mediation and mediators; peer educators; key workers, learning skills and work; advice and guidance on education employment and training; resettlement and floating support

You don't have to be homeless to ask for our help. If you are aged 16 to 25 and experiencing problems at school, college or at home, get in touch now. [Contact Us](#) or alternatively if you are living in Birmingham you can call our '[Youthline](#)' 0300 30 30 099 to access our support helpline. For North

Worcestershire referrals call 01527 872 157.

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