

All the latest news from St Basils; the largest charity in the West Midlands helping young people find and keep a home.

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# St Basils



Working to prevent youth homelessness



## St Basils ex residents launch own Business

Two young sisters who turned to St Basils for help after being made homeless, this week took the first step on the Business ladder by launching their own trading company, Manning's Supplies, which sells household essentials. Sharmah and



## Birmingham Businesses Rally to support St Basils Bake Off

This month, September 2011, has been St Basils Bake Off month. St Basils encouraged supporters to hold a baking session and then sell their creations to friends or colleagues to raise some much needed funds to help local young homeless people. The idea has been generously supported by local businesses including Edmunds, Harvey Nichols and kiss Me Cupcakes while Rewired PR and John Lewis (pictured) have held their own bake sales. [Read More.](#) Thank you to all our supporters who



## Join the Zombie Ball and raise money for St Basils!

The 'Birmingham Zombies' are holding a Zombie Ball on Saturday 29th October in support of St Basils, to help more young homeless people find and keep a home. We are very grateful to the Birmingham Zombies for organising this 'Dance of the Dead' Ball to help us, it's a great idea and we hope as many people as possible will

Sharelle have long dreamed about starting their own business. They are fans of BBC TV series The Apprentice and like Lord Sugar are starting off with their own market stall. [Read More.](#)



## Why not hold your own Sponsored SleepOut to support St Basils?

This December St Basils will once again be holding its [Big SleepOut](#) fundraiser; a sponsored challenge to sleep outside for one night, in a just a sleeping bag, plastic sheeting and cardboard box. However if you live outside Birmingham, are a school or club with children or just don't fancy

have held their own baking sessions and sent in their [photos](#) or [recipes](#). If you want to enter either our [over 18s competition](#) to win a meal for four at Edmunds or our [under 18s competition](#) to win a custom made novelty cake, you have until **15th October** to [send your donation into us](#). Terms and conditions apply. Also, if you're quick, there's still time to register for [Chitty's Cake decorating class](#) on October 2nd. £10 from every sign up will go directly to St Basils.



## St Basils young residents experience work as film crew

Thanks to a successful joint grant application from First Light films, Chocolate Films Ltd who have been operating for 10 years, were this month able to offer a week long film making course to St Basils young residents, providing them with a first hand experience of what it's like to be part of a film crew.

join in the fun! The cost is £3 in advance or £4 on the door. There will be a Midnight Thiller Dance, prizes for the best Zombie costumes and ticket cost includes a free glass of Zombie Punch. [Book your ticket here](#)



## St Basils invited to represent young people's views at international conference

Two young people from St Basils who are also in the National Youth Reference Group that St Basils co-ordinates will next month be travelling with staff to Brussels to present young people's views on preventing youth homelessness to an international audience. The event organised to

doing this in the middle of winter, you can organise your own! Last weekend 140 pupils from Oundle school took part in a satellite sleepout. [Read More.](#)



### **Willmott Dixon teaches young residents DIY skills**

As part of St Basils ongoing Learning, Skills and Work programme, young residents, across St Basils supported accommodation projects, have been offered training by Willmott Dixon Partnerships to increase their skills and confidence. 15 young men and women took part in a practical DIY workshop

The workshop included training in script writing and a camera and sound skills workshop. The young people also learnt how to write, film and edit their own short story, using industry standard equipment and Final Cut software. [Read More.](#)



### **St Basils mYPlace scheme helps more young people find permanent accommodation**

The Wyre Forest St Basils scheme mYPlace, has this month helped three more young people access the private rental market to take the final step towards independence and move into their own accommodation. Two young people have this week moved into a two bed house let by a private Landlord, and Charlie (pictured) moved into his own flat last week which is let by Kidderminster based Mark Jones property Lettings. The mYPlace scheme, funded by

coincide with World Habitat Day on 3rd October will be attended by Housing experts from countries across the EU including Italy and Spain and will debate the issues and concerns surrounding the lack of access for young people to the Housing Market. [Read More.](#)



### **St Edburgha's donation helps young women at Yardley scheme**

The congregation of St Edburgha's church in Yardley, Birmingham have this month been buying and gathering together donations of toiletries such as toothpaste and shower gel to make up into parcels to give to young women at a local St Basils supported accommodation

learning skills like tiling and basic plumbing, which will help them to maintain a home in the future.

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Crisis, aims to help young people aged 18-25 secure good quality rental accommodation from private landlords in the Wyre Forest area, which due to the labels associated with being homeless were previously unavailable to them.

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scheme. Yardley House provides emergency accommodation for up to 3 months for young women aged 16-25 who are homeless and have no where else to go.

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## 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.

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