

## About Us

### Summary

- St Basils works with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- St Basils does a lot of work to **prevent** youth homelessness with a helpline (Youthline), Housing aid and advice service (the Youth Hub), a Schools training and mentoring project (STAMP) and a Family Mediation Service
- St Basils has 27 supported accommodation projects, 24 in Birmingham and 3 in North Worcestershire
- St Basils can accommodate 400 young people per night
- St Basils helps 4000 young people per year
- St Basils has 2 emergency accommodation projects and is funded to provide Crash Pads
- St Basils has 2 designated mother and baby units
- St Basils can offer accredited Life Skills courses to young residents
- St Basils has extensive Learning, Skills and Work Programmes
- St Basils has a Youth Advisory Board and other involvement opportunities

### Who we help

St Basils works across Birmingham, Solihull and North Worcestershire to prevent **youth homelessness** by providing a range of support services and supported accommodation. We work with young people aged 16 – 25 including some young mums and dads, so at anytime housed within our projects there may be babies, toddlers and young children as well.

### Prevention Services

Homelessness is a complex issue and has many causes but some of the issues that most effect young people are overcrowding, abuse and family breakdown.

We have a range of **prevention services** aimed at helping young people who are having problems or may be at risk of homelessness including **housing aid and advice** and a **family mediation** service. These services aim to help prevent a crisis situation occurring for young people, as if a young person suddenly finds themselves roofless they may struggle to keep their job or may not be able to finish their education. Once a young person loses their job, they may struggle to find their own home through traditional means. St Basils therefore has a range of projects which provide accommodation whilst supporting and encouraging young people to enter further education or find a job so that ultimately they can learn how to live independently, support themselves financially and move on to their own accommodation separate from St Basils.

### Supported Accommodation

St Basils has 27 **supported accommodation** projects across Birmingham and North Worcestershire to help young people who find themselves homeless. We have 390 flats or bedsits to meet various needs from emergency and fully supported accommodation on to semi-independent accommodation. We actively encourage all young people living at St Basils projects to get involved in some form of volunteering, education, training or to seek paid work. We have a designated **learning skills and work** programme providing advice and guidance on education, employment and training.

### How to access these services

To access any of St Basils services the housing helpline **Youthline** is your first point of call, if you are a young person living in Birmingham . You don't have to be homeless to ask for our help. If you are aged 16 to 25 and experiencing problems at home or with family please get in touch now; call us on 0300 30 30 099. If you are a support worker and want to refer a young person to us, please complete the referral form below:

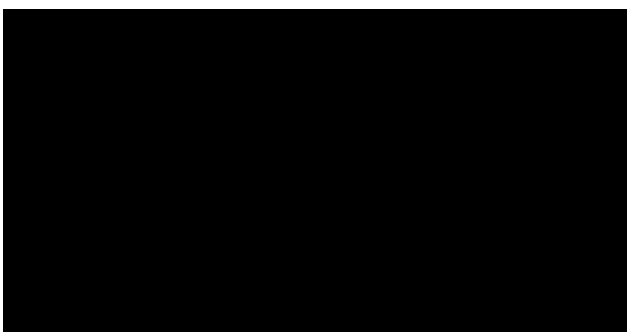
**[Complete an Online Youthline Application Form Now \(Click Here!\)](#)**

Once you are with us you will have access to all of the above as well as many opportunities for developing yourself through getting involved in or organising activities and events, joining our **Youth Advisory Board** and gaining valuable experience. Ultimately you will leave us and move on with your life in a planned and successful way and be able to maintain your own tenancy or private accommodation.

### Support St Basils!

We offer help and advice to around 4000 young people per year. To ensure we can continue our vital services to prevent youth homelessness, we need to raise at least £500,000 per year. You can help! We hold **fundraising** activities throughout the year which you can get involved in, including the annual sponsored walk or sponsored Sleepout as well as a range of smaller activities throughout the year. Alternatively you or your company, community or faith group could organise your own bake sale, car washing day, cycling challenge or skydive. Whatever your idea please call the fundraising team on 0121 772 9614 to discuss it and we will endeavour to provide you with all the support, materials and promotion you need to make it a success.

Here's why we need your help:





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