Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 17/18 News #4 (Jan, 18)

The shelter is open! Many thanks to Steve Maslin, the Venue Coordinators, and volunteers for working hard to be ready on time and open the doors.



<u>Shelter Venues:</u> Phase 1 has begun (a reminder of the phase dates is below). We do have a challenge in that we don't yet have a venue for Friday night during Phase 2. We are following up a couple of possibilities but if you know of any church that could be available please contact Steve directly.

Phase 1: 5th January 2018 to 15th February 2018
 Phase 2: 16th February 2018 to 29th March 2018

<u>Deputy Project Coordinator:</u> During December we were able to appoint a <u>Deputy Coordinator</u>, <u>Amanda Munday</u>, to support Steve during the final stages to preparations and to provide cover whilst the shelter is open. Amanda has access to the same project e-mail.

<u>Volunteers:</u> Over 400 volunteers have registered and been trained at sessions held centrally and in each host church. Further training is available ahead of Phase 2 and registration remains open – it's not too late! Some nights/venues have a surplus of volunteers but particular nights and hence locations would benefit from more volunteers for overnight and morning shifts. Please register via www.bcwns.org. If you want to volunteer for the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 2018 project you MUST register using the above online link (or ask someone to help you do this). Please see overleaf for the Volunteer Flyer. This short video might help to give an idea of what the church shelter is like. We encourage you to share this information.

<u>Training:</u> Attendance at a training session is **mandatory for all volunteers**, *EVEN IF* you volunteered in the pilot project. The next opportunities for training include:

- **Saturday 20th January** at 9:30 for 10 am to 12 noon at Ivy Church in St Werburghs BS6 5HZ PRIOR to the second 6-week phase of the project; <u>OR</u>
- Venue based Training available at participating venues for those in contact with a Venue
 Coordinator. Please speak to the Venue Coordinators first about what venue based training there is.
 Please see details on previous news updates and on the <u>Facebook</u> page.

Finances: We have been able to reduce the anticipated budget. Many thanks to those of you who have contributed so far. Based on gifts processed we have 35% of the funds needed with further donations pledged. We continue to ask you to consider a contribution from your church funds, and/or a special offering, to help fund the shelter. Expenditure remains in line with expectations. Contributions towards the BCWNS can be forwarded directly to the following account:

Account Name: Crisis Centre Limited

Account Number: 01408518

Sort Code: 40-14-13

Payment reference: BCWNS



Crisis Centre Ministries will hold all funds for the project as a 'restricted fund' meaning that they will not be used for any other purpose.

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Peter Gifford (Redland Parish Church)







The Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter is a project aiming to offer a safe space to sleep and a hearty meal for homeless guests over the winter months.

"I am so delighted we have done this - our whole church community has really got behind it and I think it has been an eyeopening and unifying exercise for us."

Volunteer from

2017



A typical night at the shelter

6pm

Volunteers arrive and set up for the night. This often includes a time of prayer and worship.



7am Lights on.





7.30pm Doors open and guests are









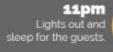




















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