

A Message from The Passage

Could you support formerly homeless people to put down roots in their local communities?

A new initiative from The Passage, Home for Good was developed to provide ongoing support to formerly homeless people who have been resettled into their own accommodation. The purpose of the service is both to help people to sustain their tenancies and to help them to settle into what will often be a new community. Through providing ongoing and holistic support at a local level we hope to reduce the number of people who return to the street after moving into accommodation. The idea for this new service came directly from our clients, who often found that after moving into their own accommodation they faced a new set of challenges, most notably isolation.

Home for Good Community Volunteers will partner up with formerly homeless people who have been resettled into their own accommodation across Greater London. Our aim is to partner each Community Volunteer with somebody living near to their own neighbourhood, in order for them to share their knowledge and experience of the local area. Volunteers will receive training and ongoing support from The Passage, and will be expected to meet up with the person they are partnered with on a regular basis. Ways you might help somebody through the community support could include:

- Going for a coffee and a chat
- Helping them identify and link into local specialist support services
- Encouraging and supporting them to apply for a job
- Accompanying them to a medical appointment
- Giving them the confidence to get involved in a local group or activity they are interested in

Home for Good is also developing a weekend social club, providing a space for former clients of The Passage who are now in their own accommodation to meet, participate in a range of activities, and link into a wider range of support networks. Social Club Volunteers will assist in the running of a regular weekend social club, offering a friendly welcome to those attending and helping them to link into additional services and groups which they might be interested in. Volunteers will also help deliver a range of activities and games, and will help to run cultural visits and outings across London and further afield.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Home for Good community support or the social club, I would be delighted to discuss this with you.

We hope very much to work with you in the future, and look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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