



Supporting local people out of homelessness

Robes has operated across Southwark and Lambeth to provide church based rotating winter night shelters for local people who find themselves homeless in the heart of London.

Charity number – 1174060

Our Guests

Through our referral process, we welcome guests, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, ability, sexuality, or religion.

Dan's story

Originally from West Africa, Dan lived happily in London with his mother from a very young age. Dan discovered he was gay in his teens and was open about his sexuality. Early this year his mother's new partner a very traditional man, that saw Dan's sexuality as a sin, asked his mother to undertake rituals to change his sexuality. Later, he was asked to leave for good, as he was no longer welcome.

He was referred to Robes by a local homeless LGBTQ+ charity. Robes welcomed Dan into the shelter and supported him in accessing employment. Dan successfully left Robes at the end of March and moved into accommodation.



Shelter Guest. To protect the guest's identity the photo and story are unrelated. Photo by Eve Milner.

Achievements & Performance

Tuesday Club

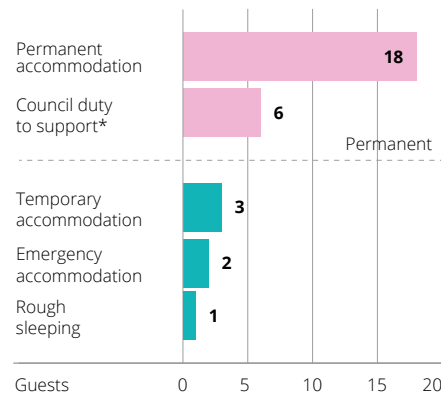
We opened our Tuesday Club service in partnership with Holy Trinity Clapham. From 1 May 2022 till 22 March 2022 we:

- provided 2,882 hot lunch meals
- provided 1,174 care packages
- provided 234 advice sessions
- supported 70 guests with advice
- supported 3 guests into long term accommodation

Covid-safe static shelter

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to operate a church-based winter night shelter this year. This winter season, we supported the stay of 28 guests at Davies Court and 2 guests in Friendship House from October 2021 till the end of March 2022. All guests were placed in covid-safe individual rooms with en suite facilities, sharing a communal kitchen.

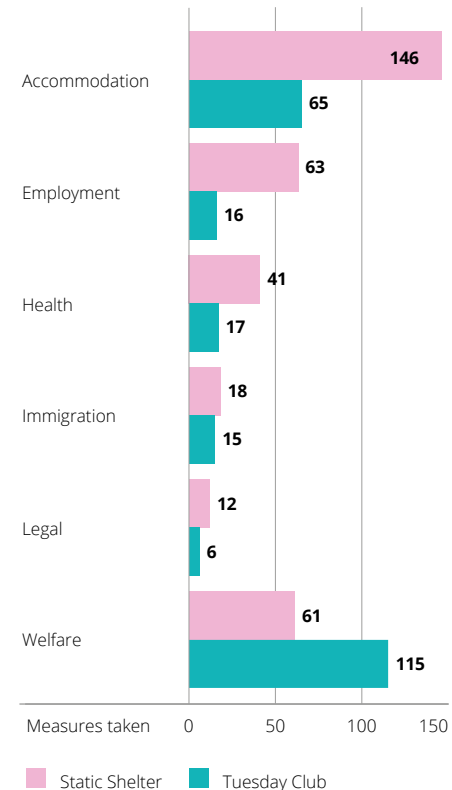
End of static shelter outcomes



Advice Work

The Advice Team's main goal is to support our guests in finding their way out of homelessness.

Advice support provided



Winter 2022

This winter we are looking into having a static shelter in Southwark, for which we are seeking a suitable building where we would be based for 3 years or more. We are exploring the possibility of a smaller, Covid-safe rotating shelter too.

We resumed our Wednesday Club service at Crossway United Reform Church in Elephant and Castle on 30 March 2022. The Wednesday Club represents a space of stability and security for ex and current Robes guests.

Southwark Cathedral SleepOut for Robes

Southwark Cathedral SleepOut for Robes is one of the major annual fundraising events which generates the bulk of income for Robes. By giving up their cosy beds and sleeping out in the open air, those taking part help alleviate local homelessness, show solidarity, and make a difference.

This season, we have planned a SleepOut at Southwark Cathedral for November 25th, 2022.

Register for SleepOut 2022: <https://robes.org.uk/sleepout-robes>



SleepOut attendees at Southwark Cathedral SleepOut 2021 for Robes. Photo by Eve Milner.

Fundraising

Robes has done exceptionally well this past year in diversifying its fundraising and have been able to secure over £135,000 in grant funding.

Our Mission

We achieve our goals through the following activities:

- Winter night shelters run in partnership with local churches
- Static Shelter
- Advice and welfare support services
- Weekly drop-in 'Wednesday Club'

What you can do to get involved

- Volunteer at our Wednesday Club service in Elephant and Castle
- Volunteer in our winter night shelters

If you are interested in volunteering for Robes, please email: project.officer@robes.org.uk

Recruiting Trustees

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Paul Venning: paul.venning@robes.org.uk

Help Robes help local homeless people – donate now!

Robes relies on donations and grants from churches, individuals and businesses – people just like you. Ways your donation can help:


- £15 will buy a mobile phone top up to ensure a guest can keep in touch with their support network and access essential services
- £50 will buy a set of work clothes for guests starting new employment
- £400 will cover a rent deposit for guests needing to access low cost private accommodation
- Static Shelter
- Advice and welfare support services
- Weekly drop-in 'Wednesday Club'

Find out more visit:

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