

Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 17/18

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Shelter Venues: The overall 12 weeks of the shelter provision will be scheduled as two 6 week phases, with 7 church venues in each phase:

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

Volunteers: Registration for volunteers is **NOW OPEN**. 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.

Training: Attendance at a training session is **mandatory for all volunteers**, *EVEN IF* you volunteered in the pilot project. Opportunities for training include:

- **EITHER - Saturday 9th December** at 9:30 for 10 am to 12 noon at Ivy Church in St Werburghs BS6 5HZ - PRIOR to the first 6-week phase of the project; **OR**
- **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; **OR**
- **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.

Volunteers **Need Not Wait** to until they have registered and **Need Not Wait** to have been accepted for volunteering, in order to receive training.

Volunteers should however register as soon as they can on www.bcwns.org as this will also enable volunteers to select which of the two advertised training dates at Ivy Church you plan to attend if they are not in contact with a Venue Coordinator or aren't able to attend one of the venue based sessions.

IF a volunteer is already in contact with one of the Venue Coordinators for this year then training will be arranged at the venue first and foremost. **IF** someone can't attend their venue's training session then arrangements can be made with their Venue Coordinator to attend another venue's training session. **IF** a volunteer can't attend any of the venue based training sessions or they aren't already in contact with a Venue Coordinator, they **MUST** attend the training sessions at Ivy Church. More details on [Facebook](#).

Finances: Many thanks to those who responded to last month's appeal, we now have 22% of the funds needed to run this project. We continue to ask you to consider a contribution from your church funds, and/or a special offering, to help make this shelter viable? 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. Continued...

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BRISTOL CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER



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 eye-opening 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 registered.



...and guests have showers. Toothbrushes and towels are provided.

8.30pm

Everyone enjoys a hot meal and pudding prepared by volunteers.



7.30am

Breakfast is served.



9pm

Guests and volunteers play games and chat.



8.30am

Guests set off, volunteers put away beds.

11pm

Lights out and sleep for the guests.



9am

Volunteers leave.



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