

Capuchin Day Centre, 29 Bow Lane, Dublin 7 -

provides hot meals daily and also provides food parcels for those in need. Healthcare and chiropody services are also provided.

Contact No. 01 8720772

Little Flower Dinners, 11 Meath Street Dublin 8

Provides food, practical support and advice.

Contact No. 01 4536621

The Mendicity Institution 9 Island Street Dublin 8

(near the Brazen Head) - is the second oldest charity in Dublin (1818) Free meals are provided daily 9am to 5pm

Contact No. Ph 01 6773308

Merchants Quay, Homeless and Drugs service,

24 Merchants Quay, Dublin 1 - provides a wide range of services for people who are homeless and for those with addiction problems.

Contact No. 01 5240160

TRUST, Bride Street, Dublin 8 (beside Iveagh Hostel)

provides nursing and social services Monday to Friday mornings. Homeless persons are encouraged to avail of statutory services and to obtain their entitlements. The philosophy of the service is to help people develop a sense of self esteem and dignity Access to personal hygiene services and clothing is also provided.

Contact No. 01 4543799

Dublin City Council:-Central Placement Service, Parkgate Hall, 6-9 Conygham Road, Dublin 8 –

Provides emergency residential placement service and also access to primary healthcare and mental health services.

Contact No. 1800 707 707.

Useful Website with links to extensive services for people who are homeless can be found at – www.homelessdublin.ie

The Facts

Approx 1500 homeless people stay in temporary accommodation in the Dublin region each night.

This figure does not include the high number of families with children, suffering from the effects of living in hotels and other emergency accommodation. Focus Ireland state that over 400 families were made homeless in Dublin during 2014

In November 2014 – there were 168 people sleeping rough on the streets in Dublin. Emergency beds have been provided for all of these people, however for various reasons some choose not to avail of these beds and remain sleeping out.

Christ has no body now on earth but ours

Our face has to be His face

Our hearts have to be His heart

Our hands have to be His hands

Christ has no body now on earth but ours.....

Send us Your Spirit Lord

Re-ignite in us the fire of Your love

And renew the face of the earth

Homelessness

A Parish Response



Bluebell – Inchicore

Pastoral Area

THE NATURE OF HOMELESSNESS

“The word homelessness sounds self-explanatory, but in relation to people who either sleep rough or use hostels and night shelters, homelessness is merely a symptom of a more deep seated set of problems. For this reason, the solution is more complex and difficult than the provision of housing.

If these problems have a common factor it has to do with a failure to become **or** to remain a part of the wider community.

People who are homeless have often rejected the conventional values of society or have been themselves rejected. It is not surprising that many have been in prison or mental hospitals or both. In the view of most people, these “unfortunates” are failures, who are largely to blame for their own misfortunes. The reality of course is different.

Once set on a downward path - (often as a result of things over which they had no control) - people may readily enter a spiral which ensures that they become more and more distanced from their fellow citizens and have less and less in common with those who have loving families, houses and regular income.

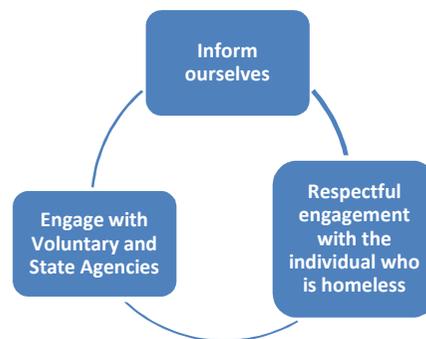
The provision of a flat does not solve their difficulty. What is needed perhaps, is a slow and often difficult process, which has as its main objective the restoration of a sense of personal worth.”

The late Professor James McCormack
Former Chairperson of TRUST



What can we do??

Sometimes we can feel helpless when confronted with someone who is homeless – but there IS much we can do to help:-



Inform ourselves of the complex issues surrounding homelessness through well informed news articles, TV etc.

Inform ourselves about the services available to help people who are homeless such as having phone numbers for referral to emergency accommodation

Engage respectfully with people who are homeless - acknowledging their dignity and right to privacy. Can we provide them with information, a hot drink, a friendly chat....?

Engage with agencies providing services, - can we donate money, clothes, time to volunteer? Inform the agencies of homeless people in our area.

Engage with the political system to give priority and keep on their agenda the issues which contribute to homelessness – e.g. poverty, mental health, addiction services, housing policy.

Useful Information on Services available.

Out of Hours Emergency Service

Operated in our area by Focus Ireland and Peter McVerry Trust. This service provides transport between the hours of 8pm and 3am to assist persons on the street who need shelter.

Contact No. 086 8139015

Inchicore/Bluebell Addiction Services Kavanagh House, 135 Emmet Road, Inchicore, provides support to local families suffering from addiction problems.

Contact No. Inchicore 01 4736502

Bluebell 01 4265970

Focus Ireland is the appointed statutory lead agency supporting homeless families in Dublin. The service includes advice, information, education, training and supported housing at various locations. It is their belief that the best way to tackle homelessness is to prevent it in the first place. Focus Ireland prevention services are specifically targeted to groups who are deemed vulnerable to homelessness

Contact No. 01 8815900

Focus Ireland Coffee Shop, 15, Eustace Street,
Ph. 01 6712555

The Simon Community works to prevent homelessness. They also provide support at all stages of homelessness enabling people to move to a place they can call home. Simon strives to empower people to access and retain a home of their own by reducing reliance on short term emergency accommodation. They also aim to provide permanent supported housing for people in their local community.

Contact No 01 475935

Peter McVerry Trust was established in 1983 by Fr Peter McVerry to tackle homelessness, drug abuse and social disadvantage. Since then, it has supported thousands of young people on the margins of Irish society. It is committed to the principles of a housing first approach. **Contact No. 01 8230776**