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Working with Homeless & Vulnerable People



Who are we?



- For 40 years we have been Kent's leading homelessness charity
- We work in the community to address the housing, social, economic and health issues that improve people's wellbeing.

Who are we?



- 160 staff members support around **1200** people on a daily basis, making a positive impact on adults, children, families and communities
- Richard Barnard Jobs Education Training Manager

Facts on Homelessness

**ONE IN
ELEVEN
PEOPLE
HAVE BEEN
HOMELESS**





Hidden homeless

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- Sofa Surfers
- Squats
- Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Caravan's or cars

Our Services



- Rough Sleeper Service works across Kent to support people living on the streets.
- Adult supported accommodation projects (hostels or shared houses). 115 places, Dover, Canterbury, Ashford & Ramsgate
- Specialist Supported Housing – people with enduring mental health issues - Dover

Our Services



- Young persons' supported accommodation – 47 places, Hostels or Shared Houses in; Dover, Canterbury, Sittingbourne & Tonbridge
- Porchlight Adolescent Support Service – work with schools – Kent wide worked with 2,000 young people last year

Our Services



- Primary Care Community Link Service – Kent Wide –
- Community Inclusion and Befriending – Kent Wide
- Private Rented Sector Access – East Kent
- Helpline- 24 hours (lottery funded)

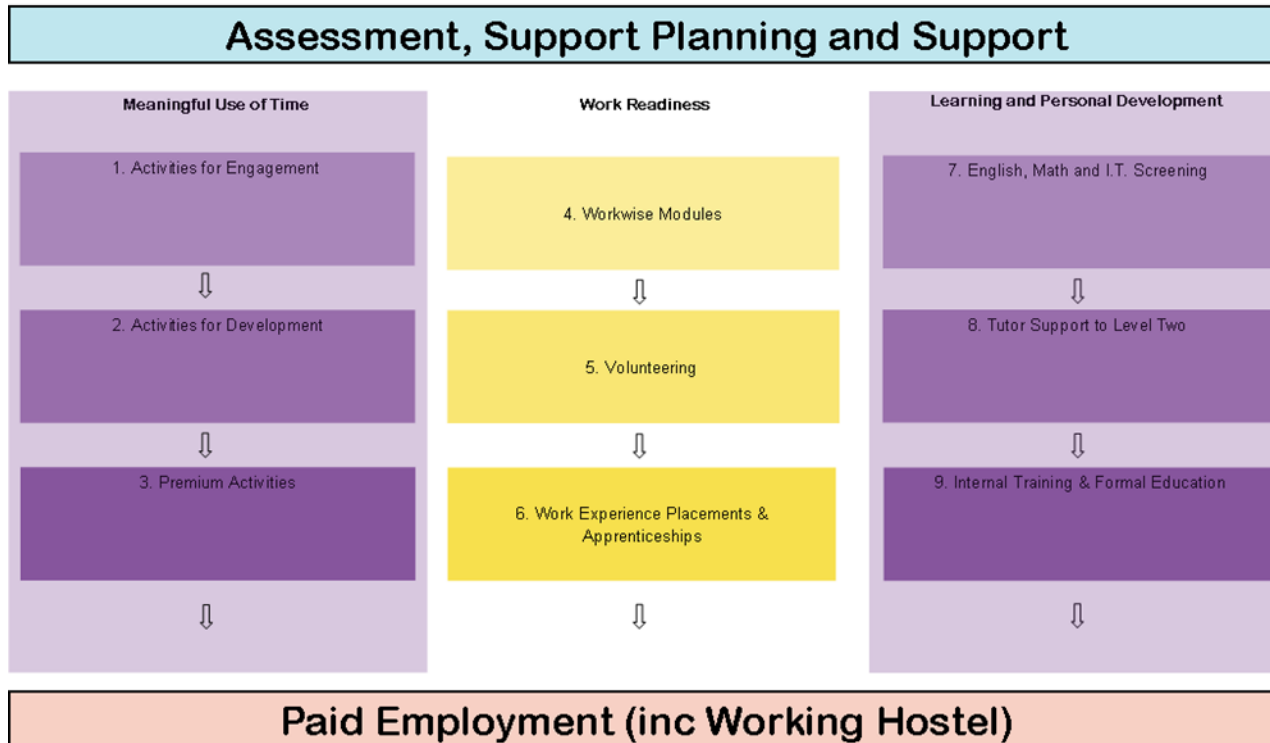
Our Services



Jobs, education and training - We believe employment is the best route out of poverty and homelessness-Meeting Aspirations not just needs

- Links with local business

Pathways to Employment Chart



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worked at...



Noel
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Kent
County
Council



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ASDA



Card Factory

NSPCC
Creed to children must stop. FULL STOP.



CANTERBURY
CITY PARTNERSHIP

Bhs



Much
More
Than
Driving

The Dover Big Local



Jobs, Education & Training - received funding from the Dover Big Local – Springboard Activities

Football, tennis, golf, Session once a week in Pencester Gardens

Central Location



Strawberries and Cream



Right time, right venue, right style



- No barriers- Girls playing in high heels
- As wide a range of activities as possible
- Links into wider programmes
- Signposting to mainstream providers
- Providing competition/festivals- something to aim for

Dover Big Local - Local people on a sailing trip with Morning Star



Use local topography



- Dover Sea Sports
- Could be seen as elitist and beyond means of some local residents
- 3 people did RYA sailing qualification
- Joint bid with Dover Sea Sports to extend that programme to more local residents

Dover Big Local Music Group



Football Matches with local groups



StreetGames Multi Sport Festival



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Dover History Project



- Link between library, us and University of Kent



Health and Safety and First Aid Courses



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Dover Big Local



Big Local residents taking part in our Street Soccer programme with West Ham United attending one day a week for 12 weeks

Big Local residents are took part in our 3 week Triple A programme including a weeks residential in Orpington

My Streets



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- Link with Enactus
- Saturday tours
- £5 per adult £4 per child
- Book on 07936549025 or bookings@mystreetscanterbury.co.uk



Tell us...



- Public can inform Porchlight of Rough sleepers via website or Help line
- www.porchlight.org.uk

A Reactive worker will then visit the rough sleeper to offer support

Facebook and Twitter @porchlight1974

Show your support in 2016!

Picnic 4 Porchlight



Brighton Half Marathon



Purple 4 Porchlight



40-winks sponsored sleep out



Thank You

- **Any questions**



James' Story



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLo_5kK7mcE Porchlight James Harrington -
YouTube