

# Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) Homelessness Action Collaborative Charter



## VISION

A Dorset where everyone knows  
that no one *has* to be homeless

## MISSION

Unify and call to action every person  
and organisation\* who shares our  
vision and values

## VALUES

**I**nnovation  
**C**ollaboration  
**E**ducation

## PURPOSE

A lifeline for vulnerable people,  
providing hope, love and sustainable  
solutions

If you share the above ideals, please turn over and find out how you can take action today!

\* individuals with lived experience, citizens of Dorset, councils, healthcare & public sector services, charities, faith groups, businesses, institutions & all other organisations.

## WHAT are we doing?

- **Innovation**
  - Leaving our own hopelessness and fear of change behind.
  - Continually inventing new approaches.
  - Seizing every opportunity to create positive change.
  - Being open to alternate solutions to homelessness by listening to one another.
- **Collaboration**
  - Understanding that homelessness can only be solved with a holistic and collaborative approach.
  - Being each other's advocates.
  - Trusting and involving one another.
  - Sharing information, ideas and resources.
  - Working with atypical groups of people.
- **Education**
  - Removing society's stereotypes and preconceptions of homeless individuals.
  - Spreading awareness of our cause.
  - Informing potential/current homeless people of the help available to them.
  - Inspiring empathy.

## WHO benefits?

- Anyone who endures fear, suffering and/or the possibility of death as a result of homelessness or the threat of.
- Councils, businesses and the tourism industry.
- Everyone in Dorset!

## WHY are we helping?

- Homelessness is a crisis requiring action NOW!
- Rough sleeping in Bournemouth increased by 327% between 2010 and 2015.\*
- Applications of homelessness to Bournemouth Council increased by 168% between 2012 and 2016.\*

\*Statistics taken from Bournemouth Homelessness Strategy 2016-2021.

## HOW can you help?

- Sign the charter below now!
- Take individual responsibility over homelessness and understand how *you* can help.
- Become a member of the BCP HAC.
- Give time, resources and/or money to the BCP HAC.
- Raise awareness of BCP HAC and its projects.

I pledge to support the actions of the BCP HAC (Registered charity no: 1182745).

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_