A Bit More about Street Support Network

To help you understand this document

If you're reading this, it means you're interested in our Partnership Manager role and are curious to find out a little bit more about Street Support Network.

We've put this resource document together to give you more of an insight into how we operate and what you can expect working with us.

To help you understand our origin

Street Support Network has changed a lot since it started 8 years ago. It all started with our Co-Founder, Viv. Check out her story of how it all began.

To help you understand our local partnerships (we may also refer to them as our locations)

In short, there are 33 of them and they're all different. They're run by different people from local authorities, to faith groups, to volunteers on the frontline. So, one of the key things we're looking for in a Partnership Manager is the ability to adapt. We're looking for somebody who is able to speak as if they work at a council in one meeting and speak to the pressures of frontline organisations in the next.

If you're interested in delving into the idiosyncrasies of our local partnerships, have a browse of these articles. We've selected two that are probably at each end of the management spectrum.

Street Support Chelmsford is one of our newest partnerships. It's predominantly run by one fantastic part-time employee of a community project. <u>Here's a blog post</u> that speaks about her efforts to raise awareness locally.

Street Support West Midlands is managed by our lovely West Midlands co-ordinator Eliz (hosted by Crisis), with the support of West Midlands Combined Authority. They have a dedicated Homelessness Task Force who recently put together this blog post about how tackling homelessness is everybody's business.

All our different locations come together quarterly in our online Network Meetings. <u>Here's the recording</u> of our latest event on Alternative Giving. Depending on the topic, we open these up to our wider network, this can include our social media audience, UK councils, and other third sector organisations.

To help you understand our values

Everything we do is rooted in our values. We've included it in this document because it's probably the biggest indicator of whether you'll fit in with our culture.

Have a read and see if it resonates.

To help you understand our Team

Our core team consists of Gary (Co-Founder), James (Web) and Mara (Comms and Engagement). You can read about our primary roles here.

We work very closely together - in person where we can. Because we're a small team we're really quite agile - and all have a voice when it comes to the direction and work of the charity.

We also have <u>a fantastic group of Trustees</u> who advise and guide us. We have open channels of communication and all meet semi-regularly to discuss strategy. It's an open and honest forum where we can discuss concerns, blockers and solutions.