

History

SPEAR was founded in 1986 by local resident, Penny Wade following the death of two people sleeping rough on Richmond riverbank. Her principle was that people shouldn't die because they don't have a home.

Since then we have been supporting homeless people and developing our services to respond to the growing problem of homelessness.

Today we work with young people and adults to broker accommodation for homeless people. We work with rough sleepers on the street, support our clients to address mental health, addiction and relationship difficulties. Through supporting our clients into employment we can also ensure accommodation is sustained.



Getting Involved

Since the charity began, volunteers have played a key role in our work.

We always need friendly, caring, enthusiastic individuals who are willing to spare time to help.

Volunteers make a massive impact on the lives of homeless people.

For more information on our forthcoming events or to find out how you can volunteer (or fundraise for SPEAR) contact fundraising@spearlondon.org

DONATION & GIFT AID REPLY SLIP:

Complete and return to SPEAR.

Full Name: _____

1st line of Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email Address: _____(optional)

Phone: _____(optional)

I wish to donate £_____ to SPEAR

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made: Today _____ In the past 4 years _____ In the future _____

Gift Aid: I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Please notify SPEAR if you wish to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPEAR would love to keep you up-to-date with our work, please tick here _____ if you would prefer **not** to receive our newsletters.

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homelessness to independence



Homelessness...

It's more than a housing problem

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Vision: We strive for communities in which anyone facing or experiencing homelessness can quickly move into secure accommodation, get effective support and work towards their hopes and aspirations.

Mission: To enable homeless people in South and West London find secure accommodation and work towards a positive future.

Our services include:

- A range of accommodation services for rough sleepers and other homeless people.
- Support to find and sustain suitable long term accommodation.
- Help to address health and issues such as mental distress, relationship problems, and addictions.
- Support to develop skills and achieve qualifications.
- Preparation to secure sustained employment.



Our Services

The Resettlement Programme:

Provides a co-ordinated pathway through a range of accommodation based services which support homeless people from the streets to sustainable independent living. The programme works with around 200 clients at any one time.

The Recovery Programme:

Focuses on the personal development aspect of a journey from homelessness to self-reliance. Clients in these services will tend to have complex health and social issues including addictions and mental health problems. The programme works with around 80 clients at any one time.

“We invest our passion and energy to develop communities in which anyone facing homelessness can quickly move into accommodation, get the support they need and work towards their goals and aspirations”

The Young People’s Programme:

Provides services to support young homeless people so they can make a positive transition into adulthood. Many of the young people in these services have chaotic or institutional backgrounds and may have involvement with the criminal justice system.



“To be able to put my own key in my own door is a great feeling.”

In the face of a significant increase in local rough sleepers, we have developed and grown as a charity. More people than ever before have benefitted from our work.

- We provide homelessness telephone advice to over 500 people a year.
- We provide or broker accommodation for over 200 homeless people a year.
- We have engaged over 200 homeless people in our education, training and employment programme.
- We work with over 150 rough sleepers on the streets a year.
- We have significantly reduced the time our rough sleeping clients wait to move off the street.
- Our volunteers provide around 2,000 hours of support a year.