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Thank you!

At **SPEAR**, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your help during the cold weather. Our Rough Sleeper [Outreach](#) service received an increase in referrals. We appreciate every single referral we receive - so thank you for being pro-active and potentially saving lives this winter!

Regardless of the weather, sleeping rough is traumatic, so please keep [making the referrals](#) so our [Outreach](#) workers can locate them and minimise the time spent on the street.

As well as referrals, the donation of clothing and food and of course your financial donations, has really improved the lives of our clients. Thank you for contributing to **SPEAR**!



Could you inspire others for **SPEAR**?

We love being able to offer speakers to go to events organised to help our clients and are grateful to the many volunteers who go out and explain how your efforts really make a difference.

Could you join this team of ambassadors for **SPEAR**? There are a wide variety of groups you can visit; to local schools, churches, businesses and community groups. Talks can be weekdays, evenings and weekends, so whatever suits you best.

We will, of course, offer training to support you in your role of Ambassador to help you and when you start you will accompany a second experienced ambassador to support you.

If this sounds interesting, please get in touch.



Landlords Wanted!

Typically, people tend to associate hostels with accommodation, for those suffering homelessness

However **SPEAR** offers a wide variety of different accommodation. For some this level of assistance is not needed and for others who have been with us on our recovery programme to independence, the best place to live is a privately rented flat.

We are looking for landlords to help people who are experiencing, or who have experienced, homelessness. We currently require landlords in Merton, Sutton, Wandsworth, Richmond, Kingston.

Without adequate levels of rental accommodation vital hostel spaces can be blocked by those unable to move to their next stage of accommodation.

Would you like to help local residents who have suffered homelessness?

If so we would love to [hear from you](#).

If you're interested in working with us or making a referral then please call us on **0208 288 6506** or e-mail lets@spearlondon.org



Plan Your Own Sleep Out for Charity!

This is a fun way to help raise money for **SPEAR**. For most of us, our bed is a safe, warm place - but for many people in our community, they do not have a bed of their own. **SPEAR** is working hard to change this, and we need your help!

Over the last couple of months several groups have found that a sponsored sleep out or snooze, is a great method of raising money and awareness for **SPEAR**'s vital work.,

It's not as daunting as it sounds and can be outside exposed to the elements or in an unheated hall. This helpful guide will get you started.



LAST CHANCE! Museum of Richmond Poverty Exhibition

This is your **final chance** to see this exhibition in the [Museum of Richmond](#). Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore Richmond and its history!

SPEAR are featured at the [Museum of Richmond's](#) Poverty Exhibition which is the latest temporary exhibition which investigates the history of poverty in Richmond during the period of 1600-1948, from the point of view of the poorer classes.

This exhibition will look at individual people and their experiences of poverty. This is

being supplemented with a focus on current need including **SPEAR**'s work with homelessness.

With this exhibition closing on **22nd April 2018** this is your **final chance** to see it.



Collection Day

We are seeking volunteer collectors at local stations. Could you co-ordinate a Collection Day at a station for us? A week day of your choice, or even a weekend on rugby match days? This year's collection day is Monday 16th April! Here are few more details on the Collection Day - <http://www.spearlondon.org/events/spear-collection-at-twickenham-station-on-tuesday-13th-march-2018/>

Recruit a few friends to help and make it fun!



FRESALCA Musical Event in Wimbledon 7th April

Fresalca, a sax quartet who supported us on our 30th anniversary celebrations are helping us again by playing a wide variety of music at Centre Court Shopping Centre in Wimbledon. Could you kindly donate even an hour of your time to hand out leaflets and Collect donations? With the show carrying you on, time will fly.

This is an exciting event, as **SPEAR** are celebrating our growing work in Merton. If you can't help, just come along and enjoy the atmosphere with brilliant music and a lovely day out experiencing Wimbledon!



Dates for the Diary!

Please visit our website

- **FRESALCA Musical Merton Event** - 7th April 2018:
<http://www.spearlondon.org/events/fresalca-musical-merton-event-7th-april-2018/>
- **HANDS Fair Twickenham Green** - 28th May:
- **St Margaret's Fair 2018** - 7th July: <http://www.spearlondon.org/news/st-margarets-fair-7th-july-2018/>
- **Runs of various distances** - Throughout the year



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