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THE CASE FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK

You're invited.....! I want you to read the rest of this brochure so that you will know why we want you to support our work. In a nutshell we are working hard to prevent future generations of young people becoming involved in negative behaviour that will ultimately have an adverse effect on their communities.

Anyone who lives in the Greater Shantallow Area, works there or has a vested interest in the area or is concerned about the impact that living there has upon their lives or the lives of young people and other adults is invited to become involved. Anyone with an interest in youth work, community work or neighbourhood renewal you're also invited. Anyone who would like to put something back into the community, you're invited too!

Get involved, make a commitment and contribute to making life for young people in the Greater Shantallow Area a more positive experience. Help not only young people but contribute to making relationships between young people and adults a more positive experience. Set aside your own ideas and opinions of young people and anti-social behaviour for a while. Come join us as we endeavour to take young people on a journey, one where we can see our efforts as making a lasting difference, one where we can see our efforts making a lasting impression and one where our legacy is that of a lasting contribution to the lives of young people in the Greater Shantallow Area.

Fergal Barr
Project Director

off the
streets.....
"providing
positive
alternatives
for young
people"

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Anti-Social Behaviour can be difficult to define due to its subjective nature. There are a number of definitions available but probably the most clearly defined is that by the Crime & Disorder Act (1988):

'Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as (the defendant).'

However, this definition alone raises a number of issues. What might be alarm or distress to one party might not necessarily be the same to another. What might be of nuisance to adults might not be an opinion shared by young people. Of course there are clear behaviours that are defined as unlawful but for instance, young people playing football in a back street against the wishes of residents - does this actually constitute anti-social behaviour?

Likewise, young people using quads or other forms of motorised transport is clearly viewed as a nuisance by residents but for young people it may be another means of pursuing a hobby or having 'a bit of fun.'

In these respective cases it is clear that the lack of facilities and the lack of agreement on how space is used (and in the instance of quads, how young people get access to this type of equipment in the first place is an issue on its own) create unnecessary tensions. This (among other issues) ultimately leads to a breakdown in the relationship between adults and young people and has the effect of isolating both parties to the concerns of one another.

Over the years consensus on what has or is likely to constitute Anti-Social Behaviour has emerged from within the Greater Shantallow Area. It is arguably the biggest single issue affecting the Area at this time.

We can take solace from the fact that whilst things might seem bad, compared with some areas in other similar sized cities in Britain and Ireland, Anti-Social Behaviour could indeed be much worse. It most definitely would be much worse if it wasn't for the good will of the vast majority of people who live in the Greater Shantallow Area.

the issue:
anti-social
behaviour

anti-social
behaviour:
putting it
in context

It is an issue that undoubtedly affects the whole area in many ways and it would appear that the vast majority of what the public views or defines as Anti-Social Behaviour involves or is perpetrated by young people.

However, it should be noted that those responsible for the vast majority of Anti-Social Behaviour is actually quite small in number. Reassuringly, and that which often goes unrecognised, most young people engage in what is perfectly normal activities and by and large function fairly well on a daily basis given the various pressures that young people face in today's society.

two levels of Anti-Social Behaviour

With regard to Anti-Social Behaviour young people engage at two levels: low-level nuisance behaviour and more serious criminally related or criminally motivated behaviour. The greatest number of complaints from residents in the Greater Shantallow Area actually relates to low-level nuisance behaviour. Nuisance behaviour in the context of Greater Shantallow Area refers to things like noise, use of quads, drinking on the streets, young people hanging around the street, etc. This view has been based on research carried out within the area by GSAP (Greater Shantallow Area Partnership), NIACRO, (Northern Ireland Association for the Care & Resettlement of Offenders), Derry Healthy Cities and more recently our own research in partnership with ICR, (Institute for Conflict Research).

our role

Irrespective of what constitutes Anti-Social Behaviour, Off the Streets is determined to respond positively to the challenges that any negative behaviour proposes. Off the Streets is determined to address the perception of young people in the Greater Shantallow Area by demonstrating that young people are a resource to be used and have a positive contribution to make to the various communities that exist within the Greater Shantallow Area. Off The Streets will do this by:

- offering young people the opportunity to 'go on a journey' that will change their lives forever by engaging them in positive alternatives that will help them to maximise their potential;
- providing a series of programmes and projects on a pro- & re-active basis at key times in an attempt to contribute to the various initiatives by groups in the Greater Shantallow Area responding to Anti-Social Behaviour;

- offering young people the opportunity to engage with them on a voluntary basis (unless otherwise directed, e.g., community service) over a sustained period of time where their personal and social development is monitored and documented so as to (a) demonstrate their learning and (b) support their progress as they begin to make the transition towards adulthood.

Off the Streets is open to young people aged between 10 and 25 but we primarily focus on the 11-16 age group offering prevention and early intervention (where necessary) as young people are at their most vulnerable and impressionable during this time.

Off the Streets approach is founded on the belief that prevention is better than cure. By providing opportunities to engage in positive activities at an early age young people's learning and development can be supported in a safe, secure and spacious environment therefore reducing the chances of becoming involved in negative behaviour which ultimately leads to risk-taking, anti-social and finally criminally motivated behaviour.

Off the Streets believe that by making a commitment to supporting young people in this way it is investing in the long-term future of young people in the Greater Shantallow Area. Young people are our greatest resource and therefore it is absolutely essential we ensure that we leave a legacy for future generations, i.e., opportunities to maximise their potential.

Businesses and government departments can invest in the area at a socio-economic and political level but without a commitment to our young people investment will be fundamentally flawed. At Off the Streets we are committed to investing in the personal and social development of young people so as to help them make the transition from adolescence to adulthood.

The lack of infrastructure, investment and development in the area has resulted in 2nd and 3rd generations of young people being denied the opportunity to fully exploit their potential. This creates a culture where young people fail to develop the capacity to compete in the Labour Market. Along with the disillusionment and feelings of isolation that unemployment brings, the lack of direction, stability and routine means that many young people end up falling into a culture of anti-social behaviour. By targeting young people, who fall into this category we can perhaps begin to break the culture of apathy

age group

beliefs

investment

effects

that often permeates their very existence. We have a duty to provide opportunities for young people to fulfil their potential and it's this desire that fuels our focus with this particular group.

why us?

We are best placed to address this issue for a number of reasons. We have developed a Model of Practice that engages young people on their territory and from 'the ground up' so to speak. We are the only existing Street Work Project in the Derry City Council area and do not have the added burden of being centre bound in order to maximise the facilities we have or programmes on offer. We also operate at times when other provision is inaccessible and have developed a strong rapport with young people over the last few years. As a result we have developed a strong credibility that allows us to exert positive influence in the lives of young people in the Greater Shantallow Area.

Secondly, Off the Streets approach is founded on the belief that prevention is better than cure. We deliver programmes and services that are designed to tackle many of the underlying issues that create the conditions for anti-social behaviour to thrive including boredom, frustration, unemployment, etc. We have developed a model of practice that is pro-active, i.e., we go out on to the street to meet with young people and therefore engage them on 'their territory' and on 'their terms'. By providing opportunities to engage them in positive activities at an early age young people's learning and development can be supported in a safe, secure and spacious environment therefore reducing the chances of becoming involved in negative behaviour which ultimately leads to risk-taking, anti-social and finally criminally motivated behaviour.

Thirdly, the evolving nature of our work has enabled us to identify a diversification of roles including, observation, intervention, prevention, support, relationship building (with both young people and adults), 'listening ear', and the provision of information. For example, an on-street presence provides an outlet for young people in terms of having someone they can relate to, someone they can talk with without fear of being judged. Young people know that they can approach our staff when on the streets and engage in diverse conversation about our programmes or any multitude of issues.

As with most charitable organisations we believe our cause to be most worthy of public support. We believe passionately in the merits of what we are doing and can testify to the impact it has made and continues to make in the lives of young people in the Greater Shantallow Area of Derry. There are four key reasons for funding our work.

First of all, the Greater Shantallow Area is an area high in need. The population of the Greater Shantallow area is around 43,000 (40% of the population of Derry). It has a very high proportion of young people with 43% of the population under the age of 17 and almost 60% of households under the age of 25. The average household size is 6, well above the average sizes for both the DCC area (3.4) and Northern Ireland (2.9). In fact 74% of 2,053 local households (Galliagh) contain 6 or more persons compared with a NI average of just 26%.

The Shantallow area is composed of 5 electoral wards, Shantallow East, Shantallow West, Carnhill, Culmore and Pennyburn. Shantallow West, East and Carnhill are in the top 10% Multiple Deprivation Indices as determined by Noble. Shantallow East and West is also in the top 3% of electoral wards for Income Deprivation whilst Carnhill was in the top 8%. All three figured in the top 6% for education deprivation and again top 8% for health deprivation. Shantallow East was first for Child Poverty deprivation. Indicators of need for these wards also showed there were 2386 lone parents on welfare benefits whilst upwards of 5000 dependants in receipt of Welfare Benefits and Family Credit. Eighty-seven per-cent of tenants are in receipt of Housing Benefit.

The area is also particularly deprived and impoverished in terms of employment opportunities displaying high levels of sustained long-term unemployment both in comparison with the Derry City Council area and the wider Northern Ireland community with figures for long-term unemployed put at 55.59%. The combined effects of long-term unemployment, poverty and the impact of 30 years of political conflict have all had a detrimental effect on the social, economic and physical fabric of the area.

For many young people growing up in Shantallow the chances of enjoying a life full of promise where they are free from becoming involved in anti-social or risk-taking behaviour is reduced. The need to provide alternatives to reduce the potential or likelihood of young people engaging in negative behaviour is paramount.

the case for funding area of need



unique

The second reason for funding Off the Streets is because of the uniqueness of our work. We are the only existing street work project in the Derry City Council Area. Our work is underpinned and informed by our Model of Practice that pro-actively engages young people and therefore constitutes a genuine and sincere attempt to reach out to those who often feel excluded from mainstream provision.

complimentary

The third reason for funding our work is that it compliments other youth provision by operating at times when for whatever reason provision, mainstream or otherwise, is closed and therefore does not duplicate services available i.e. night time, weekends etc.

value for money

The fourth and final key reason that makes funding Off the Streets worthwhile is that it offers value for money. An example of this is that between April 2004 and March 2005 we engaged 1609 different young people in 143 different activity sessions (approximately 370 hours). Activity Sessions consist of Outdoor Activities, Site Visits, Day Trips and Theme based Workshops. This of course does not include Street Work sessions.

During our Outdoor Activity Sessions, some of which are known as 'Dusk to Dawn' we can and normally accommodate up to 16 young people per 4-hour session at a cost of £295. In other words we can occupy 16 young people for just under £75 an hour at a time. During the 12 months up to and including March 2005 we hosted 62 Outdoor Sessions with 929 young people in attendance.

background

Off the Streets Community Youth Initiative was set up in 1996 out of the concerns among adults about the behaviour of young people on the streets of Shantallow. In that time it has implemented wide-ranging programmes that has helped to minimise opportunities for young people to engage in behaviour that has a negative impact on the various communities that makes up Shantallow.

Off the Streets envisages a time when Young People are respected as equal members of the Community and are viewed as a Resource with a positive contribution to make to the life of the Greater Shantallow Area and not as 'a problem to be dealt with.' Our mission is to address the negative perception of young people in the Greater Shantallow Area, by providing positive experiences and learning opportunities through a range of holistic, inclusive approaches. We do this by:

- identifying issues relating to the negative culture of young people in the Greater Shantallow Area
- creating a safe environment for young people to realise their full potential
- minimising the opportunity for young people to be involved in risk taking behaviour, by offering/providing a range of learning opportunities

We deliver programmes and services that are designed to tackle many of the underlying issues that create the conditions for anti-social behaviour to thrive including boredom, frustration, unemployment, etc. We have developed a model of practice that is pro-active, responsive and sensitive. Our model can operate at any one of four levels: local, regional, national and international and is underpinned by a commitment to stay informed through on-going Action Research and support our staff through quality training. Our approach is:

- 'Preventative' (pro-active) operates with two groups - formal and non-formal, i.e., in school and out of school.
- 'Curative' (responsive) operates with young people who have been identified as in need of support or who have through their own admission acknowledged their behaviour as problematic and made a commitment to change
- 'Informative and Supportive' (sensitive) allows us to consider our users by 'staying in touch' with their needs and ensuring we retain the capacity to deliver effective practice

purpose

approach



model
of
practice
provision



Preventative	Informative and Supportive	Curative
Street Work	Training	Referral <small>(Part of Youth Outreach)</small>
Youth Outreach & Volunteering	Research	Tackling Youth Unemployment
Cross-Border, National & International		Family Liaison
Schools Based <small>(Part of Youth Outreach)</small>		

Our programmes are both creative and innovative yet employ a simplistic approach to dealing with Negative Impact behaviour. Our history of work demonstrates that the methodologies we use and the approach we employ has long-term benefits for both young people and the community.

However, for us to make a difference over a sustained period of time much of our work must become 'mainstreamed'. It is imperative that in the future we be included in core funding from government sources. A commitment of core funding will have long-term benefits for Off the Streets and will allow us to:

- consolidate and build upon current provision with a view to achieving our strategic goals for youth provision in the Greater Shantallow Area
- create opportunities for us to develop partnerships with a broad range of organisations through the implementation of Service Level Agreements in a bid to reduce anti-social behaviour



- contribute to the creation of safer communities within the Greater Shantallow Area
- offer a wide range of services to young people
- bring recognition to Street Work as an effective model of engaging young people in contributing positively to their communities and society in general and ensure it becomes enshrined as legitimate practice within Youth Work provision
- allow us to promote our model of practice to other groups who are attempting to respond to anti-social behaviour
- reduce funder dependency

We are working with young people in formal and non-formal settings. We have chosen to do this because non-formal work cannot exist in isolation. We cannot expect to make a difference to young people's lives through contact on the streets only or through specific programmes we organise. We must be able to forge as strong a relationship as possible with users. As most of our users attend St. Brigid's College a commitment to work with pupils in the classroom environment will compliment our efforts in evenings and at weekends.

The importance of working with the formal sector cannot be underestimated. We view St. Brigid's as a microcosm of life in Greater Shantallow and reflects in the student population what we know to be many of the issues affecting the area. Access to pupils presents us with an ideal opportunity to exert positive influence that we hope can be carried on outside of school.

In 2004 we developed a very positive working relationship with St. Brigid's College and in 2005 we continued to develop this further with a number of new programmes and projects. This included follow-up research to that which was carried out in 2004 i.e., research into 'Values, Attitudes and Opinions among Young People'. In 2005 we sought young peoples' opinions on how to respond to anti-social behaviour. Both pieces of research will act as a catalyst for future initiatives and will enable us to develop trust with pupils over a sustained period of time and therefore come to be respected as a credible organisation working with and advocating on behalf of young people.

who are
we working
with?

formal

non-formal

Working with non-formal groups is where most of our energies lie and where the majority of our work is concentrated. Working with young people 'on their own turf' but within a structured context, i.e. Street Work, offers us a framework to develop a meaningful relationship; one that is based on trust, honesty and mutual respect. By meeting with young people in their own environment and on their terms demonstrates flexibility and adaptability on our part and illustrates our desire to respond to identified need.

cost effective service

OTS offers a cost-effective service by operating in locations and at times when mainstream provision is likely to be inaccessible and when the potential for anti-social behaviour is greatest.

"In the United Kingdom the Audit Commission reported the expenditure incurred by young offenders. Identifying them costs the police £1200 and successful prosecution a further £2500. A week in a local authority secure unit costs £3450. Our own pilot study, of children aged 4-8 referred with conduct disorder, found that the mean extra cost was £15 282 a year (range £5411-£40 896). Of this, 31% was borne by families, 31% by education services, 16% by the NHS, 15% by state benefit agencies, 6% by social services, and less than 1% by the voluntary sector." Financial cost of social exclusion: follow up study of antisocial children into adulthood (Scott, Knapp, Henderson and Maughan).

An interesting equation is one of comparing the costs of putting Street Workers on the streets against that of identifying, prosecuting and housing an offender (for one week) in a secure unit (as described above). We could realistically deliver 105 Street Work sessions (average session time: 4 hours). Contact work with young people usually involves 5 or 6 Street Groups (Street Groups range in numbers range from 11 to 50) in any one session. If we were to take groups away on an Activity Session (Canoeing, Rock Climbing, etc) we could hold 25 sessions for the same costs. Each Activity Session normally involves a minimum of 16 young people. As activity sessions usually take place at night time between the hours of 8pm and 12am it does not take account of how our work reduces costs to various agencies normally incurred by anti-social behaviour e.g. N.I. Housing Executive, Roads Service etc.

Unlike most other organisations we pro-actively seek young people whose natural habitat is the Street Corner. We are willing to work with all young people but acknowledge the importance of trying to 'reach out' to young people at an early age in a



bid to deflect their energies away from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour. Our model is based on the belief that investment in preventative measures with young people at a young age reaps long-term benefits including a reduction in government expenditure.

“Antisocial behaviour in childhood is a major predictor of how much an individual will cost society. The cost is large and falls on many agencies, yet few agencies contribute to prevention, which could be cost effective. By age 28, costs for individuals with conduct disorder were 10.0 times higher (£70,019) than for those with no problems (£7423)”

Financial cost of social exclusion: follow up study of antisocial children into adulthood (Scott, Knapp, Henderson and Maughan).

People often ask staff ‘what difference do you make?’ or ‘how do you know if you make a difference?’ We can easily demonstrate evidence of where we have seen changes in young people. However, in the climate that surrounds the issues of anti-social and risk-taking behaviour the public wants to know if we are preventing this type of behaviour. Well, the answer is yes. Obviously there are some situations that it is not always possible to intervene. Staff has to assess the risk before they can ‘step in’ to prevent certain types of behaviour. Our role is not to ‘police’ the areas we work in but put in place programmes that are attractive to young people so as to minimise the potential for their becoming involved in negative behaviour.

That said, staff has had reason to intervene or challenge young people’s behaviour when performing their street work duties. Below is an outline of just some of the situations where we have intervened. These are split into two sections, i.e., low-level nuisance behaviour and more serious disorder and contact work that has clearly reduced both anti-social and risk-taking behaviour.

- Street Work staff has had to respond to concerns raised by residents on numerous occasions about young people’s behaviour. Staff spoke to the individuals and groups in question about ‘hanging around’ houses, bungalows and shops in areas such as Fergle Park and Bracken Park.
- Behaviour has included stopping one young person throwing mud at a house, another setting fire to grass with an aerosol, youngsters playing football against a gable wall and unacceptable levels of noise. Residents on occasions have commented about how quiet things can be because of our work. Our response to concerns

examples of intervention

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low-level nuisance behaviour

disorder



raised would be to talk with young people to try and make them aware of the concerns and perceptions of adults and the elderly and explore alternatives with them.

- Staff intervened and stopped young people from stoning an ambulance, throwing stones at passing cars and a can of beer at a bus.
- Staff intervened to stop an 8 year old from throwing a bottle at police and diffused a fight between young people in Shantallow area later the same evening
- Young people under the influence of alcohol were challenged by staff with regard to firing B.B. guns at windows of houses in Shantallow. Staff also talked to groups of older young people who were standing about in a large group and displaying 'intimidating' behaviour
- Staff intervened when young people emptied a Wheelie Bin and got them to clean up the mess
- Staff have challenged and moved young people away (on at least 3 occasions) from housing stock that they were vandalising in the Fergleen Park area.
- Staff help put out a fire that was lit at the back of a house in Leafair Park
- Staff organised a Football tournament on Election Night (2005), which helped minimise potential for rioting. One young person told one of our Street Workers that he would have been out rioting if he wasn't playing football.
- Staff got members of 'Fergleen Park Youth Committee' to help clean up a mess around burnt out car.
- Staff agreed to walk one young person home because it was getting late - he seemed afraid and asked if staff could walk with him.

- Staff intervened when they saw young people trying to light a used firework by removing and disposing of the firework. Those involved left when they saw staff approaching but after some persuasion were willing to talk to staff and are now involved in activities

One great example of a young person beginning a 'journey' with us stretches back to 2003 but illustrates quite clearly how when a young person engages with us we can help make a difference to their life. The young person's involvement with us resulted directly from an accusation regarding involvement in a 'Girl Gang' assault on a woman in the Moss Park area of Galliagh. The young person in question, along with some others, were rightly concerned about being wrongly accused particularly after they had gone to the assistance of the woman who was attacked. After approaching the Galliagh Residents Association with their concerns they were referred to us. Whilst they themselves acknowledged that a number of young people from Moss Park were involved in anti-social behaviour we felt it appropriate to initiate a pilot but very successful 'Dusk to Dawn' Programme.

Many of the individuals concerned went on to take part in the Youth Action's 'Kaleidoscope' Drama Project including the young person who initially approached us. She herself became involved in a number of other projects and went on to assume the position of Joint Chair of the Galliagh Youth Forum, spoke at and performed Hip-Hop dances at a number of events including our Strategic Launch and two of our Annual Celebration Events. She also performed most recently at '*Mixin at the Island*', an event organised by the Youth Council for Northern Ireland (November 2004). At the end of September (2004) she travelled to Germany for a seminar on the theme of young people volunteering in their community - nothing unusual in this but she had never flown or travelled on a train before!

Whilst all of this is anecdotal evidence it does demonstrate that the methods we use and the approach we apply has many benefits and if properly resourced and funded could have even greater impact with many more individuals.

one example
of what contact
with us can
achieve....

funding objectives 06-09

Over the next three years we wish to increase our output in terms of service delivery to young people. In order for this to happen we must secure both practice and operational staff across a wide range of positions. Practice refers directly to contact with young people whilst operational positions are essential to ensuring the organisation runs smoothly. Below is an outline of posts we wish to put in place over the said period.

Year 1: 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2007 Increase the number of Street Workers currently available to 6 and secure funding for 2 Referral Workers, 2 Family Liaison Workers and another Programmes Worker. Also, employ a Human Resources and Personnel Officer. Referral Workers will each take on a caseload of 10 referrals and both will be assigned to Shantallow East and Shantallow West. Human Resource and Personnel Officer will be appointed to respond to the extra demands that an increase in staffing brings.

Year 2: 1 April 2007 - 31 March 2008 Increase level of Street Work, Referral & Family Liaison provision to 8, 4 & 4 workers respectively. Additional posts will include Practice and Operations Manager, Practice Development Worker, Training Officer & Counsellor.

Year 3: 1 April 2009- 31 March 2010 Increase level of Street Work, Referral and Family Liaison provision to 10, 5 and 5 workers respectively. Additional posts will include Health and Well Being, Volunteering, Public Relations, Networking and Community Relations Officers.

Off the Streets is currently and has been in receipt of funding from a range of bodies including the Volunteer Development Agency, Children In Need, Local Strategy Partnership, Tudor Trust, YESIP, Lloyds and Western Area Children and Young People's Committee, British Council, IFI's Community Leadership Programme, Community Relations Council, Proteus, Comic Relief, Awards for All, DSD, Irish Youth Foundation, ADM/CPA, Derry City Council and WELB.



£27,460...will allow us to run a 15 week Essential and Vocational Skills Training Programme for 10 unemployed young people

£295...will provide a 4 hour night time outdoor pursuits programme for 16 young people

£17will put two Street Workers 'on the streets' for one hour

£5.....will pay for all of our telecommunications requirements for one day

£84.....will pay for our stationery requirements for one month

£10.....will pay our electric bill for one week

£12.....will cover our training budget for one day

£0.50....will cover essential items such as toiletries for one day

£32....will cover postage for one month

£300....will cover a member of staff's travel requirements for one year

£147...will cover hire of premises for one month

£180...will maintain our website for one year

£170....will equip a Street Worker for one year (clothing, boots etc)

£805...will allow a worker to mentor a young person one hour a week for one year

'LEGACY' find out how you can support our tenth anniversary celebrations in 2006 by contacting the office for an information pack or going on line to our website www.offthestreets.org and clicking on the LEGACY link.

One off Donation. You can go into any First Trust Bank and make a lodgement to our bank account. You can use the amounts above as a guide or simply decide on your own amount you wish to lodge. If you wish to do this please let us know in advance so that

what your
money will
buy you?

how you
can help
us...

we can provide you with bank details. We also wish to acknowledge (unless otherwise advised) all supporters and therefore will recognise your support in our Annual Report

Sponsorship. Between April 04 and July 06 we engaged in face-to-face contact with almost 6,000 young people. This provides an opportunity to advertise your product or service to young people. We can offer 1, 2 & 3 year deals in sponsorship by carrying your brand or logo on our Street Work clothing. For information on this and rates please contact our office.

Monthly contribution. You can set up a direct debit with Off the Streets to deduct a monthly amount from your bank account. Please use the attached form.

Nominate us as your favourite charity. Perhaps your business or work colleagues would like to select Off the Streets as your nominated charity. You can arrange to donate the proceedings from your activities and fundraising events to us.

Become 'A Friend of Off the Streets'. By becoming 'A Friend of Off the Streets' by filling out the attached form you can be safe in the knowledge that you contributed towards the costs of keeping Off the Streets 'alive'. In return you will receive a framed certificate acknowledging your support. If the response to this option is sufficient we will arrange quarterly functions to award individual recipients with their certificate.

Membership. There are 3 levels of membership - Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Bronze Membership will entitle you to a framed certificate plus annual reports. If you choose Silver you will receive this plus an invite to all of our organised events, presentations etc. Gold will give you option of accompanying Street Workers on Activity Sessions (subject to conditions).

Legacies. You can leave a specified amount of money to Off the Streets in your will. You should contact a solicitor about this.

Gifts in Kind. You may have a particular gift that we can use to help raise funds, for example, plane tickets to a favoured holiday destination, entry to a night club or disco, desks for office use, perhaps a car that we can use for the purposes of our work or to be raffled to be raised for money.



Gift Aid. If you are a Tax-Payer in the UK and make a donation to Off the Streets we can also claim the basic rate of tax on the amount you donate. For example, for every £10 you might donate we can claim back a gross total amount of £12.80. If you pay tax at the higher rate of 40% and make a donation you can claim back the difference between the higher and lower rate of tax.

PayPal Account. You can log on to our website and click on Paypal and make a donation on line.

Payroll Giving. You can arrange to talk to your employer about having 'X' amount of money deducted from your salary on a regular basis. This could be weekly, monthly or otherwise.

In-Kind donations. Perhaps you are in a position to provide Off the Streets with non-financial support. Maybe you can offer your time, advice or expertise to help us achieve our aims. Perhaps you have equipment or resources that you think we can use. Maybe you can help us secure discounts for products or services we purchase on a regular basis. If you think you can help out please do not hesitate to contact us.

For more information on Gift Aid, leaving a legacy in your will or Payroll Giving you can go to www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities or call the Inland Revenue on 0845 302 0203.

We are responsible for any commitment you give to us. Therefore we promise to:

- Use any money you give us wisely and be able to account for it
- Let you know what we have done with your gift
- Keep you informed of developments with Off the Streets
- Be responsive to ideas or comments you have
- Endeavour to facilitate your involvement in our work
- Acknowledge your donations in our literature unless otherwise stated

our
commitment
to you

bank orders form

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The sum of £ _____ (Amount in words)

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Commencing on _____ Date _____

And debit my account number _____ accordingly

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donation form



I/we enclose a donation to Off The Streets Community Youth Initiative of

£ _____

(Please make cheques/postal orders payable to Off The Streets or debit Visa/Mastercard/CAF card number*) *Delete as appropriate.

Card holder's name _____

Signature _____

Expiry date _____ Today's date _____

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Title _____ Name _____

Organisation (If applicable) _____

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