

Passing the Baton equips local churches to help stop the revolving door of homelessness by befriending those who are at risk of homelessness, or who have been affected by homelessness in the past.

Activity Volunteer befrienders commit to befriending someone affected by homelessness for up to a year



Time Frames Training for interested volunteers is usually for 6 hours, spread over two sessions. Once volunteer referral forms, references and PVGs have been collated, a befriender is ready to start befriending as soon as a suitable match with a befriendees is available. Volunteer befrienders will normally give up to 2 hours of their time each week or fortnight.

Financial Costs/Contribution 6 hours of training costs £500. If a paid member of staff is appointed to oversee the programme (approx. 3 days a week to befriend 20 people), the project can be run on about £20k a year, which includes staffing, IT, phone calls, stationery and volunteer expenses.



Community Support

Through the befriending training, participants will learn how to help connect befriendees into local community groups.



Project Support

We provide resources, training and support to enable churches and other Christian organisations to set up their own befriending service.

Human Resources

A facilitator with strong admin and people skills needs to be appointed to oversee the project, liaising with local agencies for referrals, ensuring that befriendees and befrienders are appropriately matched and being a point of contact for any problems or concerns. Compassionate and dedicated volunteers with a local church connection are needed to befriend those who have been affected by homelessness.



Physical Resources

Laptop to store befriender and befriendees information securely.

No current Replications

Current focus is on delivering training to equip churches to set up their own befriending scheme.

"I can tell you that every minute you are with your befriendees is worth it as it's a two-way rewarding moment, you see them getting more confident and see them smiling at you it makes your heart go faster and an inner happiness jumps inside you! So I would encourage anyone to join in being a befriender as it makes your life fuller, meaningful and so much happier!" Pass the Baton Befriender