

"I think Supported Lodgings is really helpful for Young People like me. It is a step closer towards being independent. The host that I am living with is nice and supportive; it is a family and friendly environment. It is an opportunity for me to learn independent skills like cooking, shopping and spending money wisely. I find Supported Lodgings really helpful"

Zia Amiri - Young Person

"Being a Supported Lodgings Host is testing and requires love, dedication and skills. It has enabled us to play an important role in supporting a disadvantaged Young Person; we enjoy helping them to make successful transition into independent, adult life"

Angelina & Phillip Abayateyes - host

"Being a Supported Lodgings has afforded me the unique opportunity to make a invaluable contribution to the lives of Young People and the community as a whole"

Joan Young - host

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Or you can apply by downloading an application pack from www.byhp.org.uk

THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

- Enquiry made to Supported Lodgings
- Complete application form
- Home assessment carried out
- Health & safety check carried out
- Attend Panel Interview
- Decision made as to whether to accept host onto the scheme
- Attend induction day
- Placed on waiting list until a suitable match is made

Supported Lodgings is a service offering a multi-agency approach to tackling youth homelessness in Oxfordshire. The key partners are Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Cherwell District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and Supporting People.

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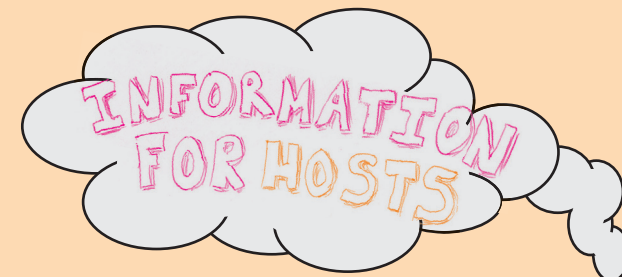
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Oxfordshire Supported Lodgings

'improving the outcomes of Young People'



The Oxfordshire Supported Lodgings Scheme aims to provide supported accommodation to (vulnerable) Young People (in housing need) aged between 16-25.

The objectives of the Oxfordshire Supported Lodgings scheme are:

- To provide good quality housing that meets the needs of Young People as they enter adulthood
- To provide a safe learning environment in which Young People can develop the skills necessary for adult life
- To coordinate holistic support for Young People, in enabling them to take responsibility for themselves

What is Supported Lodgings?

Oxfordshire Supported Lodgings provides a Young Person with a room of their own in a private home where they are a member of the household, but are not expected to become a member of the family. The householder, known as a Host, provides a safe and supportive environment, working alongside professional services to empower the Young Person to develop their life skills and prepare them for independent adult life.

Why do Young People need Supported Lodgings?

Some Young People are not able to live at home and would benefit from developing their independence whilst living with a responsible adult in the safety and security of their home.

Who can become a Supported Lodgings Host?

Supported Lodgings Hosts come from all walks of life and backgrounds. It does not matter if you are married, single or living as a couple and there are no restrictions based on your age, ethnicity, religious or sexual orientation.



What service is the Supported Lodgings Host required to deliver?

The Host, works alongside the Supported Lodgings Manager and Young Persons Housing Support Worker to deliver a program of support to the Young Person.

In addition you will be expected to provide the Young Person with:

- Sole use of a bedroom
- Use of kitchen, laundry facilities, bathroom and access to communal facilities/areas
- Provide food for the Young Person as agreed
- Provide up to ten hours per week of practical and emotional support
- Complete tasks allocated to the host within the Young Person's support plan
- Collect the £15 service charge from the Young Person every week
- Inform the Supported Lodgings team of any changes in the Young Persons circumstances and if the Young Person breaks House rules
- Attend review meetings with the Young Person and the Supported Lodgings team once a month
- Attend regular supervision meetings with the Supported Lodgings Manager
- Complete the 5 mandatory training courses and engage in training and development where necessary
- Maintain the required standards of Health and Safety within the property
- Have patience, compassion, understanding and a good sense of humour!



What are the benefits of becoming a Supported Lodgings Host?

- Being a Supported Lodgings Host is a rewarding occupation, which can be carried out alongside your existing employment or as a full time profession
- You will be provided with ongoing professional training and development
- You will be supported and supervised throughout the placement

Remuneration and Responsibility

Hours of work - up to ten hours per week one to one support
Responsible to Supported Lodgings Manager
Pay per week - £170
(Support/food - £80, Rent - £75, Y/P Service charge - £15)

Are there any reasons why I can't become a Supported Lodgings Host?

Extensive references are required for all prospective Supported Lodgings Hosts, including police checks. Only certain serious criminal convictions will automatically disqualify you from becoming a host.

How do I apply to become a Supported Lodgings Host?

We suggest that the first step is to have an informal chat with the Supported Lodgings Team.

