

CENTREPOINT: TOGETHER WE CAN END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



THE ISSUE

In 2023-24, over 118,000 young people were homeless or at risk of homelessness in the UK; this is a 10% increase compared to the previous year.

Based on our figures alone, this means a young person faces homelessness every four minutes.

WHAT WE DO

Centrepont is the UK's leading youth homelessness charity that supports young people aged 16-25.

With our partners, we support almost 14,000 young people a year and campaign to end youth homelessness by 2037.

Provide **supported accommodation** for young people and teach them vital life skills

Support young people with their **mental and physical health**

Help young people with **education and employment** opportunities

CENTREPOINT SERVICES

Alongside providing young people with a safe place to call home, we offer other services to help young people succeed.

- **Bursaries** – for course fees, clothing, books, laptops, travel and childcare
- **Qualifications & Apprenticeships** - helping young people achieve their potential
- **Legal Advice** – from housing, employment, family law, and immigration
- **Activities** – such as creative writing, gardening, cooking, football and boxing

Centrepont has **50 years**

of understanding complex experiences and the challenges feeding youth homelessness.

Last year **83%**

of the young people we supported in our services were fairly satisfied or very satisfied with the overall service we provided.



Our mission: end youth homelessness by 2037

Why 2037? We launched this strategy in 2021 – the idea is that someone born that year will turn 16 in 2037, the year in which they may need help from Centrepont. So, we want to end homelessness for the next generation. To achieve this ambitious goal, we are working to tackle homelessness from all directions.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK



Preventing homelessness

We want to address the causes of youth homelessness and reduce the number of young people becoming at risk.



Outstanding care and support

We aim to offer the highest quality support and services to young people experiencing homelessness.



Access to work

We help connect young people to jobs and opportunities



Campaigning

Creating a movement of campaigners who amplify the voices of homeless young people.

HELPLINE

Our Helpline supports young people across the UK who are imminently at risk of homelessness or already homeless.

Last year, **our Helpline supported 5,166 young people** by providing advice and guidance to assist them with their situation, including follow ups.

This could be anything from letting them know their housing rights, directing them to their nearest night shelter, to liaising with the council about getting a homelessness assessment.

PRE-16 PREVENTION

We want to **stop youth homelessness** before it starts

Our prevention work **identifies students** aged 11-16 that may be at risk of homelessness

We provide **1:1 holistic support** to prevent homelessness before it occurs

This work has **reduced** signs of homelessness risk **by 60%**

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMME

We mainly provide supported housing accommodation for young people needing extra support. However, some are ready for more independence but struggle to find affordable housing due to high rents and deposits.

300 homes

We are building 300 self-contained flats specifically for young adults transitioning to independence.

Rent cap

These homes offer capped rent that never exceeds one-third of their salary, making it much cheaper than average rents.

Why?

This programme empowers young people to save money & gain independent living experience. It also frees up supported housing for those who need it most.

Campaigning

We do crucial research to understand the scale and complexities of youth homelessness and its causes. We want to influence public policy to support young people and take their views and experiences into account.

Join the movement to end youth homelessness

Visit centrepoint.org.uk/support-us/campaign to find out more.