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The Editor

Two big stories... at least

Two big stories start in this issue, and they're definitely only starting... We will be following them up in future issues.

As we reported in the May issue, East Europeans sleeping rough in certain areas are starting to be deported as part of a UK Border Agency trial. Now, some of you reading this – and a fair number at that! – will say “not before time.” But readers who have complained in the past about East Europeans swamping soup runs and filling their favourite day centres, should consider why this action has begun. In light of the target for 2012, we're asking why is it only happening now, and not when they first arrived.

Related to this, we look at the Vagrancy Act, which may be used more frequently across the UK, especially in the lead up to 2012 (see RS205 story, page 11 & 12). At a time when a new government is asking the public which laws it would like to see scrapped, we revisit the Vagrancy Act in news-in-brief and call for its repeal. We also delve into this law's absurd history (pages 19 - 21).

As always, send stories and feedback to us at the address/number/email on the left.

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One way ticket

An deportation scheme is being trialled by UKBA for East European rough sleepers

The UK Borders Agency (UKBA) is trialling a system in parts of the country, which enables it to deport Europeans who are found to not be "working, studying or self-sufficient".

Previously, UKBA was not able to force Europeans to leave the country. However the new scheme, which began on 31 March, gives roughly a month's notice before steps can be taken to forcibly deport people if they have been in the UK for longer than three months, but are not, and "have no prospect" of, working or studying.

UKBA representatives serve individuals who have been identified as "persistent low-level offenders" with written notices (see two pictured), informing them they must appear at a local police station for an interview, to determine whether they have

the right to remain in the country.

At one interview, it is understood that authorities confiscated the person's ID, telling them it would be returned only when they were boarding the bus home.

More than 40 notices have been served to people from Eastern European countries such as Poland, Slovakia and Estonia in the London borough of Westminster alone, and 14 interviews have taken place so far. To date, three people have been removed from the borough, and 15 have "chosen to return home voluntarily, as part of this process", the UKBA told *The Pavement*.

In at least two of these cases, it is understood that the people were woken up during the middle of the night, echoing a tactic used by Westminster Council during the last two years as part of Operation Poncho.

The initiative is also being used across England only, in

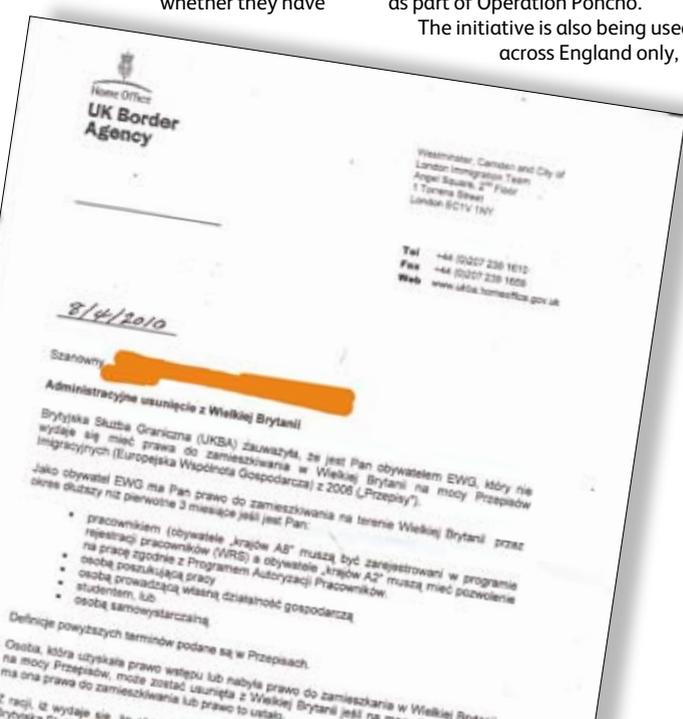
Lambeth, Oxford, Reading, Brent and Peterborough.

Although the scheme was started under the Labour government, the pilot schemes will continue running under the new Conservative home secretary Theresa May, and an evaluation will be made in six months' time to decide whether to deploy it more widely. According to London Delivery Board minutes from March, the UKBA and CLG will be reporting progress to ministers each month.

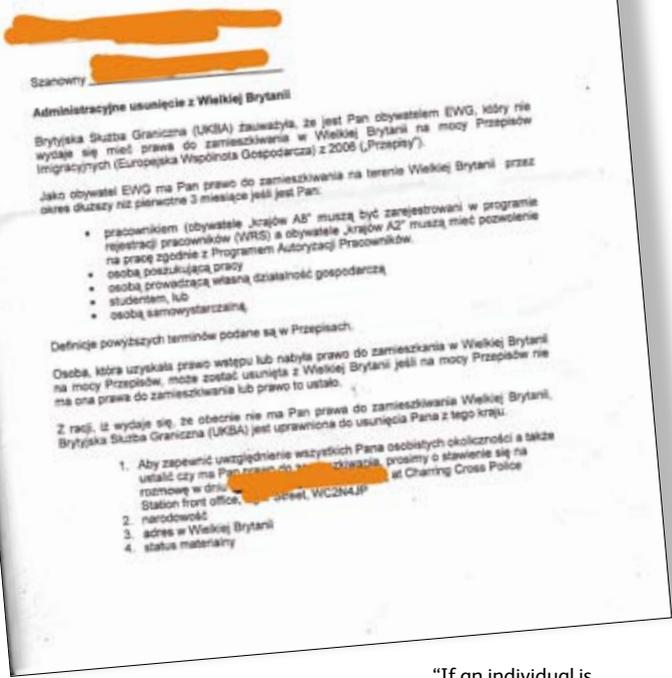
Although the scheme was only adopted recently, a UKBA spokesman said it "builds" on work previously carried out by the agency to enforce immigration law. Spokesman Stephen Carter said: "Last year, we announced powers to remove EEA [European Economic Area] nationals who do not have the right to stay in the UK. In line with that commitment, we have begun trialling this new approach, removing EEA nationals who are not seeking work or studying, or who are persistent offenders who cause harm to our communities."

The initiative so far has been "focusing on problem areas in local communities, including areas where there are challenges with rough sleeping and anti-social behaviour", he added.

"The aim of the scheme is to consider the feasibility of removing persistent low-level offenders who are nationals of the EEA and those who do not have a right to live in the UK. EEA nationals who have been in the country for longer than three months have to be working, studying or self-sufficient in order to have a right to stay. If they are not, or don't have a genuine prospect of doing so, the UK Border Agency expects them to



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reside in the UK and, if not, to make an informed decision whether to attend the meeting or not,” he said.

But concerns have also been raised that the move may simply drive people underground, away from services designed to help them, out of fear they will be forced to leave the country.

“These people had their work IDs, they had their passports, the only thing they didn’t have was a roof over their heads,” said Rudi Richardson of Streetlytes. “But once they have been served with the letter, there is no legal representation, no liaison to represent them in their native language.

“And the problem is they may go further underground and become afraid to talk to anybody, simply because they don’t know who to trust. If they go to a hostel and give their information, for example, they don’t know if it will passed onto the police. So they start to feel – and act – like fugitives, criminals.”

But when this point was put to Mr Carter, he said the interview gave individuals “the opportunity to provide evidence that they are exercising a treaty right” – in other words, working or studying.

He added: “This does not affect their ability to request support or voluntary repatriation at any stage of the process. There is a strong link between those involved in rough sleeping for significant periods of time and those with serious health, drug, drink, and social problems.”

Nearly 40 per cent of rough sleepers are from the A8 and A2 countries, according to minutes from a London Delivery Board meeting in November. March’s minutes recorded that CHAIN had sent outreach providers an “asylum and immigration survey” to ascertain to what extent asylum seekers who have gained status are sleeping rough in London.

return home,” he said.

Mr Carter explained those who had been served with letters had “been identified by the agency in a number of ways, including referrals from local councils and police”.

Organisations such as Homeless Link and Streetlytes have sought legal advice on the scheme, but although James Welch, legal director at Liberty, agreed it left people in “an invidious position”, he was adamant it breaks no law.

He explained via email: “[A]n unemployed Polish national who has been here for more than the initial 90 days but has not completed a year of registered employment and who is not self-sufficient does not have a right of residency.

“The 2006 Regulations provide that, if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person does not have a right to reside, they may be detained whilst a decision is made whether or not to remove him/her.

“If an individual is notified that they should leave the country he/she should be given a month in which to comply but could be arrested and detained pending removal.”

He added: “This would appear to leave the people who have been given the letters in an invidious position.

“If they do not have a right to reside here and attend the appointments they have been given, they may well be given notification to leave the country at the meeting and could be detained.

“If they do not attend their appointments, that may give sufficient grounds to justify arresting them. Of course they may be able to meet the requirements for residence and will be able to use the opportunity of the meetings to show this.”

Mr Welch advised anyone who receives a letter to check their immigration status before attending the interview. “This should allow them to determine whether they do have a right to

Scottish news

All the homeless news from Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow

I say I say...

Scottish Homelessness Involvement & Empowerment Network (SHIEN) recognises the importance of having your say, and supports and promotes service user involvement in homelessness services across Scotland.

The network is free to join for individuals and organisations, so people can keep up to date with upcoming events and find the best way of making sure their voices are heard.

Established in 2008, the network is supported by the Scottish Government and facilitated by Glasgow Homelessness Network. Over 400 people and organisations have joined the network, and include service users, managers, frontline staff, and decision makers.

Sometimes, the importance of service user involvement is not recognised in services, and is either seen as using up vital resources or an irritating form-filling requirement. Very often, responsibility can be an addition to an already very chronic workload. By bringing together people who have had positive experiences of service user involvement and by offering easy guidelines getting started, SHIEN helps services understand the benefits of service user involvement and share good practice.

The network supports service user involvement by hosting free events in local areas, bringing together service users, frontline staff, decision makers and managers to discuss local problems and try and find solutions. Events were held in Aberdeen and Stirling last year, to generate ideas on how to improve services. One example

was a booklet about a residential service produced by its young users, which was given to them at their first appointment. Another was from an individual who had been sleeping rough, who started volunteering and ended up leading the project which had helped him settle in his own home.

The Resource Exchange website provides information on all events, and encourages people to pass on useful information. It also includes tips to improve service user involvement.

Pauline McColgan

- For more information go online to www.ghn.org.uk/shien

Festival time

The streets are alive with festivals and gala days this summer, and here's our pick of those that readers might enjoy. Come rain or shine, these events bring music, dance and drama onto the streets of our towns and cities... and best of all many of the events are free!

Leith Festival

11 - 20 June

Leithers have forever been proud of their distinctive identity and the festival celebrates all Leith has to offer - heritage, culture, diversity, future and people. And festival organizers are clear that this includes the local homeless people, 'The Leith Festival wholeheartedly believes in the values that come with the word community, and the homeless of Leith are no exception, and add to Leith's char-

acter', a spokesperson explained.

The 10 day programme features over 150 events in 50 venues within a mile radius from the heart of Leith. Highlights include:

A traditional gala day and parade on 12 June, starting with the parade from Lochend Park. Leith Links will come alive with a full line up of bands headlined by The Void, stalls and the annual tug-of-war competition.

Artists open studios - Coburg House Studios and Albion Road Business Centre open their doors for a free exhibition of artists' work, in addition to other arts and craft events throughout the festival.

Film - The festival is pairing up with Leith Short Film Festival to offer some of the best contemporary shorts from across Scotland and the world. (10 & 11 June, Duncan Place Resource Centre, free). In addition, Word of Mouth Film Nights will be exhibiting some of the best local talent, or pop in to Sofi's or The Pond to enjoy the cinematic stylings of Leith's most celebrated writer, Irvine Welsh.



For more info visit www.leithfestival.com or pick up a brochure from venues throughout Leith.

West End Festival Glasgow, 7- 27 June

Also in June is the West End Festival, Glasgow's biggest. Boasting almost 430 events across 50 venues in its fifteenth anniversary year, the festival presents an eclectic mix of music, theatre, dance, comedy, exhibitions and political debate, in a mix of free and ticketed events.

The West End Festival has a clear community focus and aim to be accessible to all. A spokesperson explains, "The West End Festival is for everyone to enjoy. We are incredibly proud that so many of the events are free, which means that more people from across the city from all different backgrounds can enjoy many of the events.

Highlights include:

Festival Sunday, Kelvingrove Park, 13 June - Five stages of live music and performances, including the Vintage Guru New Talent Stage, family activities, food and a licensed bar.

Mardi-Gras parade opening parade, 13 June - hundreds of bands, performers and community groups from across Scotland will bring life and colour to Kelvin Way with a theme of 'Myths and Legends' so expect to see dragons, unicorns, Nessies and more.

La Fete de la Musique, Ashton Lane, Sat 19 June – part of an international day of musical performance, La Fete invites musicians of all genres / calibres to play for free. Expect choirs, jazz, indie, folk and lots more, performing in bars, cafes and on the lane.

For full programme details, visit www.westendfestival.co.uk

Other festivals and events this summer...

02 Glasgow Mela 20 June, Kelvingrove Park

Edinburgh Mela

6 - 8 August, Leith Links

Enjoy a curry in the park and celebrate Asian culture.

The Big Day Out

13 June, Tollcross Park, Glasgow

Meadows Festival

Edinburgh, 5 & 6 June

Two live music stages, stalls and a funfair.

Aberdeen International Youth Festival

28 July - 7 August

The world's leading festival of youth arts.

Maggie Page

Nice works

Foyer Works, a branch of charity Aberdeen Foyer which creates jobs for disadvantaged young people, has been contracted to carry out property maintenance within council homes in Banff and Buchan.

The enterprise provides a property maintenance service to housing associations, private clients, voluntary organisations and Aberdeen City Council.

A base was established in Fraserburgh after the firm secured a contract to carry out work for the council, and has recruited a supervisor and four young people as trainees. They have already been busy on various projects including decorating and garden maintenance.

Aberdeen Foyer's commercial director, Leona McDermid, said: "Foyer Works has already supported several young people into work in Aberdeen and it has always been our aim to set up a team in the north."

"A combination of the work from Aberdeen City Council, the Future Jobs Fund and sponsorship from Exxon Mobil has made this possible and as a result we already have five people into work in a sustainable business that has potential for growth."

Chairman of Aberdeenshire Council's Social Work and Housing Committee, Councillor Gurudeo Saluja, said: "I am heartened to see Aberdeenshire Council working closely with such a worthwhile social enterprise that is helping young homeless people gain valuable skills to carry them into the workplace and out of deprivation."

Staff

- For more information on this visit www.aberdeenfoyer.com

Move over, Banksy

We were tickled by this example of guerrilla art in Portobello (pictured overleaf, *photography by Paul Lambie*), whose creator thought the shabby fence surrounding a nice piece of green space beside the beach land could use some TLC. He picks up the story:

"There seems to be plans to build on this bit of waste ground. Kids play football here, people picnic and it's a nice patch of green by the beach. The owner of the plot can see a way of squeezing flats in so it looks like it's going to go. I'm sure a shabby fence in disrepair makes for an easier planning application so there's not been any interest in repairing the fence that borders the Promenade. I was sitting on the sea wall and noticed

that the ugly fence cast interesting shadows and thought there might be some fun in repairing it. If flats go up here the shadows we'll get will be cast on over the beach.

"I put the planks up very early on Tuesday morning because the weather report said sunshine all day. The holes were pre drilled so as not to make too much noise and they went up quick. I honestly hadn't given too much thought to how they'd look from the grassy side of the fence with the sun rising behind them, so it was a huge bonus to see them backlit like that. At lunchtime I sat on the wall with an Espy ginger beer and watched folk trying to read the backwards writing, walking round the fence and stopping on the prom to read the shadows.

"I walked past on the way to work on Wednesday and one of the planks had been knocked down. Poor workmanship on my part and a decent strike from a footballist, I reckon. The fence has been slowly and systematically broken up for beach bonfires so I was expecting the planks to disappear at some point but I'd hoped they'd last longer than 24hrs. I didn't have time to stop so it was well after lunch when I went down with my screw gun, false beard and

chunkier screws. Turns out that at some point during the day some excellent Party resident had nipped in and put the plank back up.

"Maybe someone else will come along and add another plank. There's a dot, dot, dot after 'seaside'."

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New learning centre for Glasgow

Glasgow's Lodging House Mission (LHM), which has been helping the homeless for more than 100 years, has re-opened a new-look learning centre to teach IT and literacy skills to people in some of the city's poorest areas.

The enterprising workers at the centre picked up the Public Services Team Award for East Centre and Calton, in the Evening Times Community Champions awards.

The drop-in centre in Calton has undergone a major refurbishment with the aid of Big Lottery Funding, Glasgow City Council's Calton Area budget and Morris & Spottiswood. It now boasts 14 computers, access to technical support, and a connection to the

Glasgow East Learning Network.

Vulnerable adults with a variety of issues from drug addiction to mental health problems can now learn in a comfortable and welcoming environment. The LHM is also a day centre, drop-in cafe and church for Glasgow's homeless and resettling communities, with shower facilities, an emergency clothing store, help and support from care staff, and a chaplaincy service.

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Out for the count

Edinburgh council is again under fire, this time from one of its own councillors, who claims its current way of measuring the number of homeless people in the city is failing to record the true number of people sleeping rough.

Speaking at the health, social care and housing committee, Councillor Gordon Munro called for a report into the issue. He said he had been contacted by a number of organisations that deliver services for homeless people in the city, and that the council's reports of a decrease in the number of rough sleepers was contradicted by personal experience.

He mentioned a shelter for rough sleepers that he visited just before it was closed down. "I asked, what happens to these people next week? There were 40 people there. I still don't know the answer to that."

Councillor Elaine Aitken had also visited the shelter on the same night, and commented on the fact that many of the homeless people in Edinburgh were from Eastern-Europe, and did not easily fit into council services.

"They do live very chaotic lifestyles, which make it hard to get tenancy - they've lost their passports, their ID cards...they've slipped through every net," she said.



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Convenor of the committee, Councillor Paul Edie, said he would seek “further sources of information” from providers, but fell short of calling for a full report on the way homelessness is measured.

Edie rejected Munro’s suggestion that the council’s policy on homelessness was not successful. He said that he was quite willing to hear from organisations working with homeless people on the issue – but that he had heard nothing to that effect so far.

He also pointed out that the methodology used to measure homelessness was the same one that had been used by the last Labour council administration.

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New brew

Streetwork UK has just been given planning permission to convert a vacant Edinburgh shop into a new cafe to be staffed by the homeless.

The cafe, Captain Taylor’s Kitchen, will help rehabilitate its homeless staff with a wage and workplace training - and raise funds for Streetwork’s other projects. The cafe is set to open to the public in time for the Festival in August.

Streetwork chief executive, Gordon Watson, said: “The cafe plans have been brewing for quite some time since we took over the building, but we had struggled to find funding until we were given a grant by the Scottish Executive enterprise fund.”

Training will be provided by Streetwork’s new Higher Ground Training Scheme, focussing on

confidence building, interview techniques and offering qualifications in skills such as IT, health, hygiene, service and hospitality.

Mr Watson added: “We want it to be a place where people come for a cup of coffee and decent service, and leave knowing that they’ve contributed to a good cause.”

Streetwork has been providing support for the homeless since 1992, and runs several services including a crisis centre on Holyrood Road, formerly known as the Cowgate Centre, and other support services on New Street and Bellevue Street.

It also previously operated The Ark until its closure in 2007, when the city council controversially cut its funding following a reported rise in complaints about street drunks and aggressive beggars.

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Paul Cameron Age at disappearance: 60

Paul has been missing from Dingwall, Scotland, since 25 February 2010.

There are concerns for his welfare. He is urged to call our confidential service **Message Home** on **Freephone 0800 700 740** for advice and support.

Paul is 5ft 7in tall, of slim build. He has short brown, greying hair. Paul normally wears corduroy trousers and brogues.

If you've seen Paul please call the 24-hour confidential charity **Missing People** on **Freephone 0500 700 700**. Email: **seensomeone@missingpeople.org.uk**



WEBSITES

Mental Fight Club
A creative/arts site for those with mental illness.
uk.geocities.com/gabrielle-jenkinson@btinternet.com/

The Pavement Online
Soon to have an online version of *The Other List*, which will soon be in several translations to download.
www.thepavement.org.uk/services.htm

Proud to be mad
A campaigning site for those with mental illness
www.proudtobemad.co.uk

Soak Book
Previously *Everyone's Home* An 'e-shelter', with a large directory of services.
sockbook.referrata.com

Stonewall Housing
Addresses the housing needs of lesbians and gay men. Provides temporary, supported housing for 16 – 25 years old lesbians and gay men.
www.stonewallhousing.org

Streetmate
An independent site with substantial information on housing, working and learning, built for those homeless who use the internet and want to do-it-them-selves as much as possible.
www.streetmate.org

WEBSITES EDINBURGH

Homeless Edinburgh
A comprehensive website containing information about services in Edinburgh including hostels, advice and support centres. Also has information on over 8,000 services outside Edinburgh
www.homelessedinburgh.org

WEBSITES GLASGOW

Homeless Information Pages
Lots of useful information and advice on homeless services in and around Glasgow
www.hipinglasgow.com

0845 608 8661
For the Pensions Service
0845 60 60 265

Message Home Helpline
0800 700 740
24 hrs daily

National Debtline
0808 808 4000

Runaway Helpline
0808 800 7070

Free line for under-18s who have left home

The Samaritans 08457 90 9090

SANeline

6 – 11pm
0845 767 8000

Out-of-hours helpline for those affected by mental health

Shelter

0808 800 4444

Housing info and advice
8am–8pm daily

UK Human Trafficking Centre
01 14 252 3891

TELEPHONE SERVICES EDINBURGH

Edinburgh City Mission
Counselling and crossline helpline
0845 658 0045

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TELEPHONE SERVICES GLASGOW

Glasgow Street Service

0800 027 7466
Mon–Thu: 8am–11pm; Fri: 8am–5pm; Sat: 8am–3pm; Sun: 4–11pm

Street outreach team partner-ship between Simon Community Glasgow and Barnados Scotland

Glasgow Women's Support Project

31 Stockwell Street, G1 4RZ
0141 552 2221

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10am

Information, advice and initial support for women who have experienced sexual abuse

for homeless people in Glasgow with mental health problems. C, M, H, P
Phone, write or just drop in

Glasgow Rent Deposit and Support Scheme
3rd Floor, Crowgate Business Centre, 117 Brook Street, G40 3AP
0141 550 7140
Mon-Thur: 9am-4pm; Fri: 9am-3pm
AS, BA, C, H, IT, TS

Glasgow Women's Support Project
See Telephone Services Glasgow

SAY Women Accommodation Project
3rd Floor, 30 Bell St, G1 1LG
0141 552 5803
Provides support and counselling to young women aged 16 – 25 who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and are survivors of rape or sexual abuse AS, C, SH

TELEPHONE SERVICES

Community Legal Advice
0845 345 4345
Nationwide

www.communitylegaladvice.org.uk
Mon-Fri: 9am-8pm;
Sat: 9am-1:30pm
AD, BA, DA, H

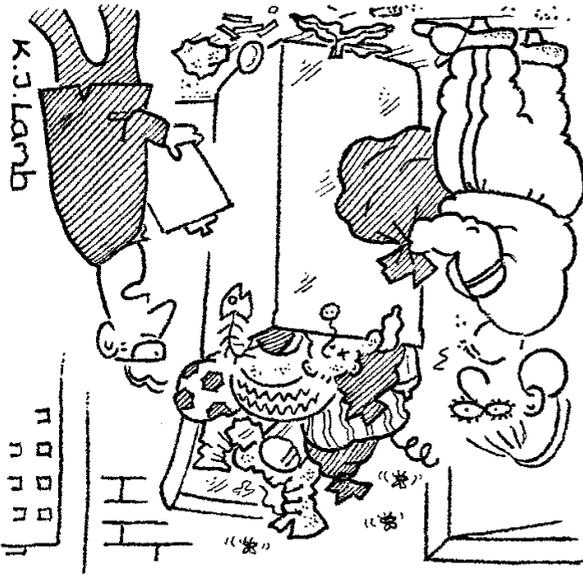
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Domestic Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

Frank
0800 776 600
Free 24-hr drug helpline

Get Connected
0808 808 4994
Free advice for young people (1pm – 7pm daily)

Job Centre Plus (benefits agency)
To make a claim
0800 055 6688
For queries about existing claims for Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or Incapacity Benefit
0845 377 6001
For Social Fund enquiries



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MEDICAL SERVICES GLASGOW

The Physical Health Care Team
55 Hunter St, G4 0UP
Mon - Fri: 1 - 5pm
0141 553 2826
Has two GPs and a team of nurses and office staff who also run clinics at some hostels. Appointments not necessary. They also provide support for people who have hospital appointments and want someone to go along with them. There is also an addition and mental health team based at this address
A, D, F, C, M, H, M, S, P, S, H

SOUP KITCHENS & SOUP RUNS EDINBURGH

Barony Contact Point
101 High Rigg, EH3 9RP
0871 700 7777 / 0131 622 1877
Tue: 10.30am - 4pm;
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FF, P
Calton Centre
121 Montgomey Street, EH7 5EP
0131 661 5252
Tue: 6 - 8.30pm
FF, P

Care Van
Bethany Christian Trust's soup run in Edinburgh city centre
364 evenings a year
FF, P
Currier's Christian Centre
65 High Street, EH1 1SR
0131 556 2626
Sun: 8 - 9am
FF, P

Grassmarket Mission
79/3 Grassmarket, EH1 2HJ
0131 225 3626
Mon: 7 - 9pm; Tues: 6 - 7pm;
Wed: 1 - 4pm; Fri: 1 - 4pm,
Sat 9 - 10.30pm
AC, FF, P

Jericho house
53 Lothian Street, EH1 1HB
0131 225 8230
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CL, FF, P

Little Sisters of the Poor

43 Gilmore Place, EH3 9NG
0131 229 5672
Every day 1 - 2pm and 6 - 7pm
FF, P

Missionaries of Charity
18 Hopetoun Crescent, EH7 4AY
0131 557 8219
Every day except Thur:
3.45 - 4.30pm
FF, P

Salvation Army

1 East Adam Street, EH8 9TF
0131 662 4455
Mon: 9am - 12 noon; Tue and Thur:
3 - 9pm; Fri: 1 - 4pm; Sat: 6 - 9pm
FF, P

St George's West

58 Shandwick Place, EH2 4RT
0131 226 2428
Mon - Sat: 9am - 3pm
FF, P

Soup Van

Every night: 9 - 9.45pm
Runs from Waverley Bridge to Grassmarket and North Bridge
(Tue - Fri they have woodwork, art, gardening and textiles 10am - 4pm)
ET, FF, P

SOUP KITCHENS & SOUP RUNS GLASGOW

Balvicar Street
G42 8QU
Thurs: 7 - 9pm
FF, P
Cadogan Street
Glasgow G2 7AB
Runs at these times:
Sun: 9 - 10pm; Mon: 7.30 - 9pm; Tues: 8.45pm - 12.30am;
Wed: 9 - 10pm; Fri: 8 - 9pm
FF, P

Rokpa Glasgow

Kagyü Samye Dzong
The Tibetan Buddhist Centre
7 Ashley Street, G3 6DR
0141 332 9950
FF, P

St. Columba's Church
St. Vincent Street, G2
Sun: 7.30 - 9pm
FF, P

St. Patrick's Church

North Street, G3 7DA
Thur & Sun: 8pm - 9pm
FF, P

St. Simon's Church
Dunaskin Street, G1 1 6PG
Sun: 1.30 - 2.30pm
FF, P

Waterloo Street

Thur: 10pm - 12am
FF, P

SPECIALIST SERVICES (Scotland)

St. Simon's Church
6 Newington Business Centre, Dalkeith Road Mews, Edinburgh, EH16 5DU
0131 662 4359
Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
Support and action for people affected by mental illness (including friends and carers)
MH

SPECIALIST SERVICES EDINBURGH

Edinburgh Women's Aid

4 Cheyne Street, EH4 1JB
0131 315 8110
Mon: 1-3pm; Tues, Wed & Fri: 10am-3pm; Thur: 10am-7pm; Sat: 10am-1pm
Information, support and refuge for women, and accompanying children, fleeing domestic abuse
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Streetwork UK

Women's Service
4 Bellevue Street, EH7 4BY
Women and youth outreach only at this office - all other services at Crisis Centre on Holyrood Road
0131 476 2023
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www.streetwork.org.uk

SPECIALIST SERVICES GLASGOW

GAMH Homeless Support Project
123 West Street, G40 1DN
0141 554 6200
Mon - Fri: 9am - 5pm
(4.30pm on Friday)
Practical support and advice

The Mungo Foundation – London
Road Project
 1920 London Road, G32 8XG
 0141 778 1184
 Works with 16-25 year olds who cannot access mainstream accommodation. (Open 24 hrs) www.themungofoundation.org.uk

DRUG / ALCOHOL SERVICES

Drinkline Scotland
 Freepost, PO Box 4000, G3 8XX
 0800 7314 314
 Advice and info for people with alcohol problems or anyone concerned about alcohol misuse
 A.C

DRUG / ALCOHOL SERVICES

EDINBURGH
Castle Project
 14 Niddale House Drive, EH16 4TT
 0131 669 0068
 Mon - Thurs: 9am - 4:30pm;
 Fri: 9am - 4pm
 D, NE, OL, OB, P, SH
www.castleproject.org.uk

DRUG / ALCOHOL SERVICES

GLASGOW
Alcohol Focus Scotland
 166 Buchanan St, Glasgow
 0141 572 6700
 Call-in; phone or email: Mon - Thurs:
 9am - 5pm; Fri: 9am - 4:30pm
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Breakthrough

James Duncan House, 331 Bell Street, G4 0TJ
 0141 552 9287
 A joint health and social work project offering services to people with drug and alcohol problems. It also incorporates methadone prescribing.
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Cocaine Anonymous Scotland

0141 959 6363
www.cascotland.org.uk
 Helpline offering help and support to those with or recovering from an addiction. Also offer meetings and literature on addictions
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EX-FORCES
Drug Crisis Centre
 The West Street Centre, 123 West Street, G5 8BA
 0141 420 6969
www.turningpointscotland.com
 24hr service offering information and advice to those who abuse drugs. Also residential drug rehab program. Family support unit operates on this site.
 D, NE, P

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

EDINBURGH

Veterans UK
 0800 169 2277
 Free help and advice for veterans and access to dedicated one-to-one welfare service
 www.veterans-uk.info

Bethany Christian Centre (Men only)

6 Casselbank St, EH6 5HA
 0131 554 4071
 For homeless or vulnerable men with alcohol or drug problems who wish to take part in a work training program www.bethanyct.com
 CA, ET, P

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

GLASGOW

Glasgow Simon Community
 12 Commercial Road, G5 0PQ
 0141 420 6105
 Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
 Runs short courses that help people look at their choices, rights and opportunities in settling down. Open to anyone over 16. Courses are organised on a rolling programme and run between 10am and 4pm www.glasgowsimon.org.uk
 C, ET

JOB CENTRE PLUS

(Cowgate Clinic)
 20 Cowgate, EH1 1JX
 0131 240 2810
 Mon, Wed - Fri (closed on the morning of the third Wednesday of the month): 9am - 12.45pm, 1.45 - 5pm; Tues 9am - 12.45pm
 Health service for homeless people, including a general nursing and treatment room, mental health care, 10 GP sessions a week, as well as dental services two mornings a week. Also provides a chiropody service, occupational therapist, clinical psychologist and psychiatrist. A clothes exchange is available too
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MEDICAL SERVICES EDINBURGH

See Telephone Services for helplines

ENTERTAINMENT & SOCIAL EVENTS

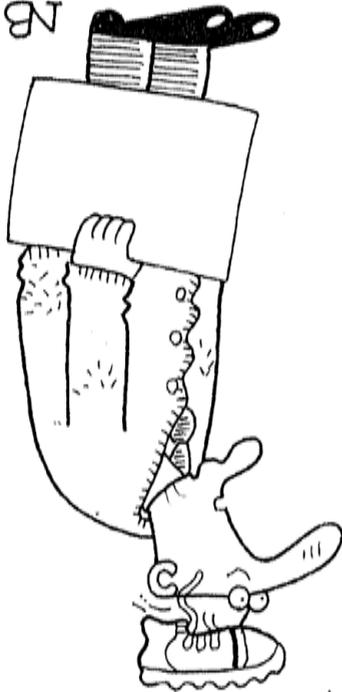
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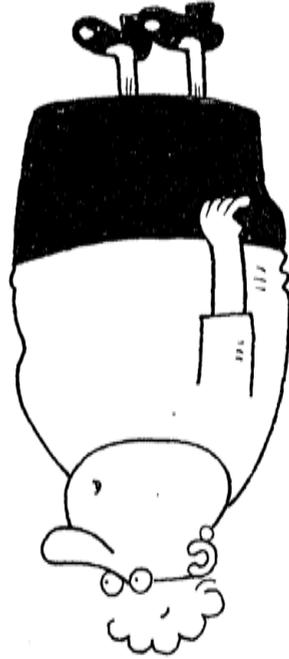
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TRAINER



WHY ARE YOU
WEARING
THAT SHOE?

Open Door Accommodation Project
7-12 Adelaide Street, Livingston, EH54 5HG
01506 430221
Young single homeless people

Young people (16-25)

Number Twenty
20 Broughton Place, EH1 3RX
0131 557 1739
Young single homeless women aged 16-21 with support needs. Ring first (8am - 11.30pm every day)

Women

Cranston Street Hostel
2 Cranston Street, EH8 8BE
0131 556 8939
Temporary registered accommodation for single homeless women. Although the maximum stay is six months this can be extended under certain conditions
www.homelessedinburgh.org

Men

Salvation Army - Ashbrook
492 Ferry Road, EH5 2DL
0131 552 5705
Single homeless people who are eligible for housing benefit
www.salvationarmy.org.uk

Men

Salvation Army - Hope House
14 Clyde Street, G1 5JW
0141 552 0537
Referral by Glasgow City Council only

Women

Rachel House
503 Baitic Street, G40 4SG
0141 556 5465
Provides supported accommodation for single/pregnant mothers aged 16 to 25 and children up to ten years old

Women

Govanhill Women's Project
14 Polmadie Street, G42 0PQ
0141 423 5599
Works with single homeless women aged over 25 from the Glasgow area. The project is not suitable for women under 25 or those wanting to be accommodated with a partner or with children in their care. Ring first

Women

Govrie Care - Caledonia House
Gilmore's Close, Grassmarket, EH1 2HD
0131 220 5078
www.homelessedinburgh.org

DIRECT ACCESS HOSTELS/ NIGHTSHELTERS GLASGOW

All with low-support needs

Rock Trust
55 Albany St, EH1 3QY
0131 557 4059
Various activities and services for 16-25 year olds, including drop-ins, one-to-one sessions and Night Stop on referral.
www.rocktrust.org

Stover (Edinburgh)
40 Grove Street, EH3 8AT
0131 229 6907
Young single homeless people aged 16-21 with a range of support needs
www.foursquare.org.uk

Salvation Army - Hope House
14 Clyde Street, G1 5JW
0141 429 6533
Open office hours only
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Men

Men's Accommodation Project
86-88 Arnprior Road, Castlemilk, G45 9HE
Offers a group-living model of supported accommodation to men who have experience of long term homelessness and are committed to addressing addition issues. Possibility of continuing support after moving into own home. Referral from social work or similar agency is required, accepts men from all over Glasgow
0141 631 1798
www.glasgowswim.org

Women

Turning Point Scotland - Link Up
112 Commerce Street, G5 9NT
0141 420 1929
A direct access service for homeless people in crisis as a result of mental health, drug, or alcohol problems
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www.turningpointscotland.com

Women

Halls Direct Access Hostel
344 Paisley Road, G5 8RE
0141 478 0955
Referral by Glasgow City Council only
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Young people

Council for Homeless Young People (CHYP)
171 Wilton Street, G20 6DF
0141 945 3003
Details at
www.queenscrosshospa.org.uk
Residential support for youngsters and young, single homeless people

Quarriers Stopover
189 Pollockshaws Road, G41 1PS
0141 420 3121
For young people 16-25. Accommodation is on the upper levels of a four-storey building so not suitable for people with physical disabilities
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www.quarriers.org.uk

Talbot Association - Kingston
1 St John's Hill, EH8 9TS
0131 557 5502
Ring or drop in: Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm

Govrie Care - St John's Hill
1 St John's Hill, EH8 9TS
0131 557 5502
Ring first (8am - 8pm daily)
www.odap.org.uk

ADVICE SERVICES GLASGOW

GENR8 Action for Children (16-24)

Westwood Business Centre, 69
Abderdulle Road, G34 9HJ]
0141 771 6161
Advice and support for 16-24 year
olds seeking accommodation

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Glasgow Shelter Housing Aid

Centre
First Floor Suite 2, Breckenridge
House, 274 Sauchiehall St
0344 893 5560
Mon & Thu: 1-4pm, Tues
& Fri 10am-1pm
Outside these times, there is
a 24-hour helpline for advice
and support – Shelterline:
0808 800 4444
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Glasgow City Council

For anyone who is homeless, or
threatened with homelessness, or
in need of advice about homeless-
ness issues. Staff will be pleased
to discuss your circumstances
with you in a private interview
room and provide advice on what
can be done next to help you
www.glasgow.gov.uk

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Glasgow City Council

Homeless Person's Team
Hamish Allan Centre, 180
Centre Street, G5 8EE
0141 287 1800
Mon-Thu: 8.45am-4.45pm;
Fri: 8.45am-3.55pm
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Glasgow Street Service

See Telephone Services Glasgow

DAY CENTRES AND DROP-INS

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Barony Contact Point

101 High Riggs, EH3 9RP
0871 700 7777
Mon: 6.30-9pm; Tue: 10.30am-
4pm; Thu: 3.30-7.30pm;
Fri: 1am-2pm (women
only); Sun: 11am-4pm
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Bethany Christian Trust

Leith Acorn Centre YMCA,
Junction Place, EH6 5JA
Tue: 12.30-2.30pm (women
only drop in); Thu: 1-3pm
(men only drop in)
FF

Cowgate Day Centre

see Streetwork Crisis Centre

Crossreach – Church of Scotland

Social Care Council
Charis House, 47 Milton Road
East, Edinburgh, EH15 2SR
0131 657 2000
Mon-Thu: 8.45am-4.45pm;
Fri: 8.45am-3.45pm
www.crossreach.org.uk

Four Square

67a Logie Green Road,
Canonmills, EH7 4HF
0131 557 7930
www.foursquare.org.uk

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DAY CENTRES AND DROP-INS

Glasgow City Mission – The

Shieling
20 Crimea Street, Glasgow, G2 8PW
0141 221 2630
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 10am
-4pm (drop in); Thur: 1-5pm;
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 6.30-11pm
www.glasgowcitymission.com
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Lodging House Mission

35 East Campbell St, G1 5DT
0141 552 0285
Mon, Tue, Thu: 8am-3pm; Wed,
Fri: 8am-2pm; Sun: 4-6.30pm
BS, CL, E, F, IT, P

Cunningham House

205 Cowgate, EH1 1JH
For homeless people with addi-
tional support needs around
alcohol, drugs, mental health
and learning difficulties.
www.crossreach.org.uk
AS, BA, P, S

Salvation Army – The Laurieston

Centre
39 South Portland Street, G5 9LL
0141 429 6533
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H, IT, LF, MS, P, SH, TS

Streetwork Crisis Centre

22 Holyrood Road, EH8 8AF
0131 557 6055
Every day: 10.30pm - 11.45am;
12.45 - 4.15pm. Appointments

Dunedin House

4 Parliament St, Leith, EH6 6EB
0131 624 5800
www.dunedin-harbour.org.uk

Bethany House

12 Couper St, Leith, EH6 6HH
Emergency accommodation
for single homeless people
0131 467 1010
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Bethany Supported Housing

65 Bonnington Road, EH6 5JQ
0131 553 1119
Ring First

Castlecliff Hostel

25 Johnston Terrace, EH1 2NH
For homeless people aged
16 and over; accepts couples
and people with pets
0131 225 1643
AS, BS, BE, H, L, P, TS

NIGHTSHELTERS EDINBURGH

DIRECT ACCESS HOSTELS/

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There are specific services for
women and rough sleepers as well
as health, addiction and other
specialist services at specified times

All with low-support needs

Ring First

www.dunedin-harbour.org.uk

www.crossreach.org.uk

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Wayside Day Centre

32 Midland Street, G1 4PR
0141 221 0169
Mon-Fri: 10-11.30am; 12.30-
4pm; 7.30-10pm; Sat 1-4pm
There are specific services for
women and rough sleepers as well
as health, addiction and other
specialist services at specified times

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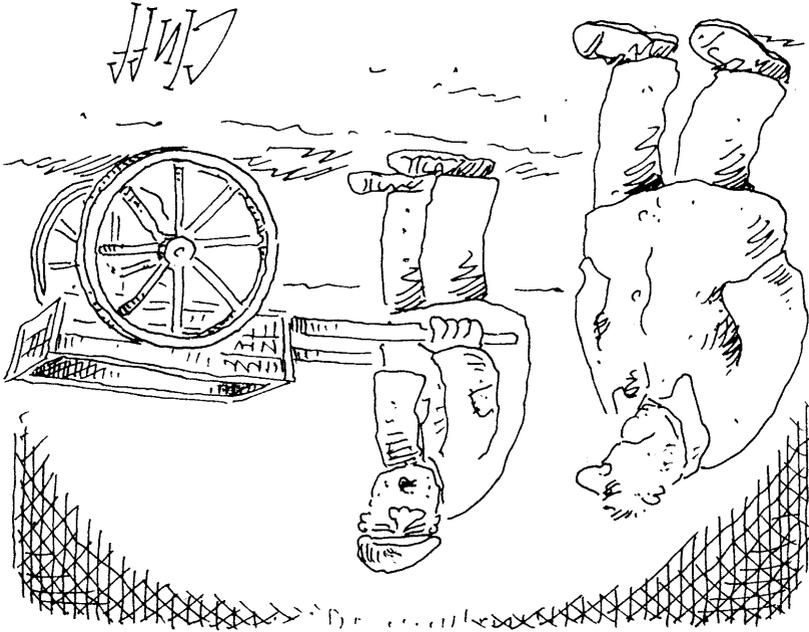
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ADVICE SERVICES EDINBURGH

Advocard
 332 Leith Walk, EH6 5BR
 0131 554 5307
www.advocard.org.uk
 Mon – Fri: 10am – 4pm
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City of Edinburgh Council – Housing Options Team
 1 Cockburn St, EH1 1BJ
 0131 529 7584 / 7368
 Mon, Wed, Thurs 8.30am – 5pm; Tues 10am – 5pm; Fri 8.30am – 3.40pm

Edinburgh Cyrenians – Smartmove project
 57 Albion Rd, EH7 5QY
 0131 475 2356
 Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm
 Advice, information and support for people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness
 AS, H, P, TS

Homeless Outreach Project
 19 Smiths Place, EH6 8NT
 0131 554 3961
 Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 5pm
 Outreach service for homeless people with mental health, alcohol

Advice and information on housing options for homeless people, including assessment of priority need for housing, out-of-hours emergencies
 phone 0800 032 5968
 AS, H, P

Streetwork UK
 2 New Street, EH8
 Head office and Tenancy Support ONLY, all other services out of Crisis Centre.
 0131 556 9756
 TS
www.streetwork.org.uk

The Access Point
 17-23 Leith Street, EH1 3AT
 0131 529 7438
 Services for people 16 years or over who do not have care of children
 Mon, Wed, Thu: 9am–5pm;
 Tue 10am–5pm; Fri: 9am–4pm
 (drop-in services only): Mon–Thu: 1.30–4pm; Fri: 1.30–3pm
 Emergency assistance outwith office hours phone 0800 731 6969