

## SUPPORT DELIVERY

Eligible young people will be assigned a support worker to devise support plans to help them achieve agreed outcomes. Community coaches and St Basils networks of local contacts will offer additional support where needed.

We will help young people:

### Gain accommodation and stability

- Through this programme young people have access to a whole range of accommodation options not just at St Basils but through other providers too. Young people will be matched to the most appropriate accommodation option for their needs.
- Young people will be supported to develop tenancy maintenance and Life Skills.
- Young people will also have access to our in-house Psychologist and Counselling services

### Build skills through engaging in volunteering, placements, education or training

- Rewriting Futures aims to help young people rebuild their support networks in their local areas by drawing on support from 'Community Champions' who have local contacts and are passionate about helping reconnect young people and find volunteering or other opportunities local to them. This will be done utilising mentoring and volunteer support too.
- Through our Learning, Skills and Work programmes young people will be supported to explore what they value and how to make use of their talents and skills and assisted to undertake employability courses so that they can make the most of opportunities.

### Sustain full or part time work

- Young people who are work ready will be supported to access opportunities that are of interest to them and sustain full or part time work.
- This could include the option to access our Live and Work Apprenticeship scheme in partnership with Sandwell Hospital which offers on site accommodation and on the job training in a whole host of entry-level jobs including Administration and Maintenance.

### Build confidence, self-belief and self-esteem

- As well as partner agency services, young people who are part of Rewriting Futures will have access to the full range of St Basils services even if they are not housed within St Basils. This includes our national youth engagement programmes and innovative BOOST and Mental Skills Training schemes which utilise some of the techniques used by sportsmen and women to achieve a positive mind-set and build the self-belief needed to go after opportunities.



## KEY TARGETS

We will do everything we can to help homeless young people with complex needs:

- Sustain settled accommodation for 3 years
- Achieve National Vocational Qualifications equivalent qualifications
- Maintain volunteering
- Sustain full time or part time work

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### More information for Partners

If you would like any more information on this programme, please contact Programme Manager Sarah Piercy, on 07772 106 985 or email [sarah.piercy@stbasils.org.uk](mailto:sarah.piercy@stbasils.org.uk).

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# REWRITING FUTURES

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## INTRODUCTION

**Rewriting Futures is part of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)'s Fair Chance Fund programme.**

St Basils Rewriting Futures programme is aimed at young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) and for a variety of reasons have been unable to access existing services, be that due to high or complex needs or due to challenging behaviour.

This programme provides the young person with holistic wrap around support from a whole team of people including local mentors and community coaches, co-ordinated by one support worker.

Utilising a range of dedicated resources, and utilising St Basils services as well as other key and partner services St Basils Rewriting Futures programme will provide intensive support and innovative, tailored solutions to help young people find stability in safe, secure accommodation and build confidence, self-belief and positive relationships in order to gain skills and access opportunities.

This programme is funded for 3 years allowing us to work with young people for an extended length of time maximising the chance to achieving effective and long lasting results

## ABOUT ST BASILS

**St Basils, founded over 40 years ago, is the largest agency working with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, exclusively in the West Midlands.**

We help over 4,000 young people per year with specific services in Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull, Worcestershire, the Wyre Forest and Coventry. At any one time we have over 400 young people living in our 27 supported accommodation schemes, which for some young people includes their young children as well. We have a range of prevention, accommodation and support services including extensive Learning, Skills and Work programmes to help young people regain the stability they need to rebuild their lives, gain skills, training and employment and move on successfully.

## REFERRAL CRITERIA

Rewriting Futures aims to prevent youth homelessness. Young people are eligible for one-to-one support through this scheme if they are:

- Aged 18-24
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness and from or living in Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull, Walsall or Wyre Forest
- Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)

Rewriting Futures will help young people who have been refused help elsewhere, including those deemed 'intentionally homeless' or those who have complex needs surrounding homelessness, substance misuse issues, mental health needs, learning difficulties, low/medium learning disabilities, have been involved in gangs or are ex-offenders.



## OUR APPROACH

**The Rewriting Futures programme is intended as an extra 'safety net' for young people who have faced multiple barriers or challenges in their lives and are in need of flexible, tailored support. This support is provided from a variety of agencies and co-ordinated by one key individual responsible for providing practical, personal and developmental support, so that those young people can find a pathway out of homelessness.**

Therefore we are careful to match each young person with people who are able to relate to them and build supportive and transformative relationships.

We listen to our young people and encourage them to share their interpretation of how they came to need our services, their learning and progress. This helps young people take ownership of agreed actions and solutions.

We take a step by step approach recognising achievement at every stage as we know from feedback from our young people that this builds confidence and belief in the next step.