

ABOUT the SLEEPOUT events

The St Basils SleepOut started in 1990 and the principle behind it was and still is very simple; people volunteer to 'rough it' for a night so that sponsorship money can be raised to help prevent youth homelessness. In short, supporters sleep out to prevent young people from having to do this for real. This event is not an exercise in 'what it's like to be homeless', it is a fundraising event that also helps raise the awareness of homeless issues to the wider community.

Upon arrival we will give you a large cardboard box which is your emergency shelter for the night, but you can bring additional cardboard to make more of your dwelling. You will be sleeping rough outside, so be prepared with warm waterproof clothes, sleeping bags and anything else to make your sleep comfortable.

But please no wood or glass. Also, dogs are not allowed at this event.

Toilets are available all night. **Food and drink** is available up to 11pm, so if you wish to eat food after this please bring some snacks. **First Aiders** are present for the duration of the event. If at any point you need to leave then please have enough money with you to get yourself home. **Paid security** patrol the site all night and no alcohol or drugs are permitted. **Free breakfast** of toast and hot drink are available after 5.30am. **Creative Cardboard Competition** is a prize that we give to what we judge to be the 'best/most imaginative' shelter created on the night and this is presented at 10pm along with a brief talk about what St Basils does.

We run three Sleepout events in Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry.

St Basils Sleepout events start at 6pm and go on all through the night until 6am the next morning. But entry to all St Basils SleepOut events closes at 10pm. No admission is allowed after this time unless via pre-arrangement with the St Basils SleepOut Team. If you leave the event after 10pm you will not be allowed back in.

St Basils SleepOut events are FREE and designed so that you can participate in a fun but challenging event whilst raising money to prevent vulnerable young people from having to do this for real. The easiest way to do this is by sponsorship and donations, so please try and tell everyone you know that you are taking on this challenge to help you raise as much as you can. Sponsor forms will be sent to you after you have registered and you can easily set up an online giving page. The sponsorship target is £150 and it is a rough guide to give you something to aim for, but the more you can raise the better!

SLEEPOUT TERMS & CONDITIONS

- i) **Read the T's & C's.** Anyone wishing to take part in this event must read these terms and conditions first. If you are coordinating other people to attend you must make sure they all read these Terms & Conditions.
- ii) **Sign the disclaimer.** At the event everyone will be asked to sign against their name on the disclaimer form which states that they understand the nature of the event and that they have read, understood and will abide by the St Basils SleepOut Events Terms & Conditions. Failure to do this will result in them NOT taking part in the event. The organisers reserve the right to reject any submission made for registration to any St Basils SleepOut event and to refuse admission to the event on the night.
- iii) **Mentally and physically fit.** All individuals taking part in a St Basils SleepOut event are responsible for ensuring they are medically and physically able to undergo this activity.
- iv) **Own risk.** Participants take part at their own risk and the organisers cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal effects, for personal accidents or for injury or loss to third parties, other than as a result of St Basils negligence.
- v) **Age requirements.** The minimum age for participation in this event is 5 years old. If a person is between the ages of 5 and 17 then a responsible adult must register them, sign the disclaimer form on their behalf and take full responsibility for this person for the duration of the event. Groups that have under 18 year olds must observe the minimum requirements which is 1 adult to 3 under 18's at all times.
- vi) **This is an alcohol and drug free event.** If you are seen using alcohol it will be confiscated. If you are seen using illegal drugs the police will be called. In both cases you may be asked to leave the event and the organisers reserve the right to ask anyone to leave the event.
- vii) **Disruption will not be tolerated.** The deliberate disruption to other people's dwellings, use of obscene language or unruly behaviour will not be tolerated. Singing or loud talking must stop by midnight. If you are witnessed doing such things the organisers reserve the right to ask you to leave the particular St Basils SleepOut site, regardless of the time.
- viii) **Gates close.** Entry to all St Basils SleepOut events closes at 10pm. There is absolutely no admission to the SleepOut site after this time unless via pre-arrangement with the SleepOut Team.

- ix) **Quiet.** After midnight people will start to try and sleep. Please keep conversation as quiet as possible. Unruly behaviour is not tolerated at this event and the organisers reserve the right to ask anyone to leave the site. Security is constantly patrolling all areas throughout the night to ensure the safety of those taking part.
- x) **Getting home.** St Basils cannot take responsibility for the safe conduct of participants travelling to and from this event. You will have to make your own arrangements regarding travel. The event finishes at 6am on the following morning, but anyone is free to leave whenever they want. So please have alternative means of getting home arranged or bring enough money to get yourself home in a taxi should you wish to leave before the end.
- xi) **Weather Warnings.** St Basils reserve the right to cancel the event due to any unforeseen circumstances (i.e.) bad weather or potential harm to the participants. If this happens we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible and reschedule the event for a later date. It is always worth checking the event page 24 hours before the event. We are guided in this decision by reports from the Met Office. If there is an AMBER weather warning issued by the Met Office 24 hours before the event the likelihood is that we will cancel the event, so please keep looking at the webpage beforehand.
- xii) **Photography.** To help us promote this event professional photographers will be photographing and filming people taking part. If you do not want your image used then please take a NO PHOTOGRAPHS sticker at the start of the event and clearly display it. You understand and agree that it is your responsibility to obtain this sticker so that we can easily identify who does not want their image used.