

Big Sleepout Event Details and Terms & Conditions

EVENT DETAILS

History: 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 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.

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

Animals: No pets are allowed at this event. If you have a registered guide dog and need the dog to help with mobility, please contact us directly so that we may help you as best we can.

Times: The event will 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.

Toilets: Available all night.

First Aiders: Present for the duration of the event inside the main building and patrol the sleeping area regularly.

Food and drink: Free vegetarian food and hot drinks will be available from approximately 8:30pm to about 10pm. Please bring your own snacks if you wish to eat after this time.

Security: The site is patrolled all night by security staff and no alcohol or drugs are permitted.

Creative Cardboard Competition: This is a prize that we give to what we judge to be the 'best' dwelling created on the night. So please bring more of your own cardboard if you wish, but do not bring wood/metal or anything that may cause damage to the area. Only cardboard and plastic is allowed and you may sculpt, paint and decorate them how you like.

Presentation: At 10pm our CEO will give a brief talk about what we do and then the winner of the Creative Cardboard Completion will be announced.

Sponsorship: St Basils SleepOut events are FREE and designed so that you can participate in a fun but challenging event whilst raising money for St Basils. The easiest way to do this is by sponsorship and donations. So don't forget to tell everyone you are doing this to help you raise as much as you can. You will have your own automatic fundraising page set up for you which makes online giving so much easier. The sponsorship target is £150 and it is a rough guide to give you something to aim for. We do understand that students/teenagers in particular may struggle to raise this. Other people may raise far more which is fantastic!

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. By registering for this event, you are agreeing that you, and anyone you are registering to attend with you, understand the nature of the event and will take part in accordance with these terms and conditions.
2. Minimum age for participation in this event is 5 years old. If a person under the age of 18 is taking part, then a responsible adult (*someone 18 or over*) must register for them 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 always 1 adult to 3 under 18's.
3. Upon arrival, every person attending this event must sign next to their name (or reserved place number) on the Attendee List. This states that every person taking part understands the nature of the event and will take part in accordance with these terms and conditions. If the attendee is under 18 years of age the accompanying adult must do this. Failure to do this will result in them NOT being allowed entry into the event.
4. All individuals taking part are responsible for ensuring they are medically and physically able to undergo this activity. If you test positive for any infectious virus prior to the event, you must not attend this event, because you will be putting other people at risk.
5. 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 because of St Basils negligence.
6. **Alcohol and drugs, deliberate disruption to other people's dwellings, use of obscene language, unruly or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.** Singing, loud music or loud talking must stop by midnight. The organisers reserve the right to stop you from entering the event and/or to ask you to leave the event at any time, regardless of the time. If this happens it will be the responsibility of the participant to inform any sponsors of their actions.
7. **Smoking** is not allowed. If you wish to smoke, you must leave the event site.
8. This event complies with EDI recommendations and guidelines which means it does not actively exclude anyone from any protected group wishing to attend. This event is fully wheelchair accessible and there are facilities available for different accessibility needs. Pets are not allowed onto the Sleepout site due to people sleeping at ground level in cardboard boxes, however, we do make an exception for guide dogs.