

Be a Street Angel!



The Street Angels Values

The Street Angels programme has grown from Christian beliefs and a long Christian heritage of service. It stems from a desire on the part of the Christian Community in Guildford to show care and love to anyone in need in our town centre. Values of **selflessness and being non-judgmental, integrity, honesty, professionalism, collaboration and excellence** lie at the heart of everything a Street Angel does. Street Angels respect and learn from diversity by caring for anyone regardless of who they are and whatever their circumstances. Safety of our staff, volunteers and the people we seek to serve is essential.

Selfless and non-judgmental

Street Angels expect nothing in return for the help they provide and believe that people in need are best served by a non-judgmental approach.

The Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy is recruiting a team of volunteers to train as Street Angels.

Street Angels are adult volunteers who care and provide practical support for the people who use the night clubs and other leisure and entertainment venues in Guildford town centre on a Friday and Saturday nights, including helping them to access any support they may need.

Street Angels believe that people in need, particularly young people, deserve care and support. The needs of these individuals may be the result of homelessness, drunkenness, drug abuse or any other issue, which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm.



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How do Street Angels work?

On a given night there are usually 8 - 12 Street Angels in pairs providing on-street care and support for anyone in need during the hours the bars and clubs open. They work closely with the Police and emergency services. Street Angels patrol on foot and have direct contact by radio with each other, the team base, CCTV and the Police.

Excellence and professionalism

We believe that people in need deserve nothing but the highest standards of service and professionalism. Street Angels will receive regular, high quality training and ongoing support to help them perform their role safely and to a high standard.

Integrity and honesty

It is imperative to the success of Street Angels that the service is delivered with the highest ethical and legal standards. Honesty, fairness and integrity are the principles underpinning all Street Angels' activities.

Collaboration and adding value

The Town Centre Chaplaincy and Street Angels will work in partnership with a wide range of statutory, voluntary, community and faith organisations across Guildford. The Town Centre Chaplaincy is committed to adding value to other services in the town centre.

Street Angels are managed by the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. All volunteers are checked through the Chaplaincy (including Criminal Record Bureau checks) and agree to abide by the Chaplaincy's policies and procedures.

Street Angels need to commit to volunteer for 1 night per month and to complete 6 training sessions before they start. They also receive ongoing training to support them in their role. Training covers a wide range of issues and skills including personal safety, listening skills, cultural awareness, understanding your town, drugs and alcohol awareness, child protection and working with the emergency services.

What to do next?

If you want to be a Street Angel, please complete and return the application form and safeguarding declaration before the end of March 2008. If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Website:

www.guildfordstreetangels.org.uk



Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy

Application to be a volunteer Street Angel



Personal details:

First names:		Surname:	
Home address:			
Postcode:		Email:	
Home tel:		Mobile:	

Relevant employment and volunteering history:

Please give brief details of any employment or volunteer roles you have undertaken which you consider relevant to this role*:

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* continue on separate sheet if necessary

Suitability for the role:

Please explain briefly why you are interested in becoming a Street Angel volunteer:

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Please give some examples of ways in which you have demonstrated your commitment to the Street Angels' values of selflessness and being non-judgmental, integrity, honesty, professionalism, collaboration and excellence? Try and include an example of an occasion when you have shown respect for the lifestyle, culture or beliefs of someone, even though they differed significantly from your own.

Do you bring any particular skills that you think would be useful as a Street Angel?

Please provide any further information you consider relevant to your application including information about your recreational interests. *(Also include here any circumstances of which we ought to be aware where special provision needs to be made for you at interview or in carrying out this role):*

Safeguarding declaration:

You will understand the great responsibility involved in working with children, young people and vulnerable adults and the need to ensure their safety. If you are successful in being appointed to this role we will help you obtain an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. In the meantime we ask you complete the attached confidential safeguarding declaration form and return it to us in a sealed envelope.

References:

Please give the name and contact details of two people (not related to you) who are prepared to provide us with a reference. If you are a member of a Church or other Christian group, one referee should be your Vicar, Minister, Pastor or the leader of the Christian group you attend regularly. One referee should, if possible, be someone who is able to comment on your suitability to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults (for example if they have worked with you with children, young people or vulnerable adults).

Referee 1:			
Name:			
Address:			
Postcode		Email:	
Tel:		Mobile:	
Vicar, Minister etc?	Y/N	Can this person comment on your suitability to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults?	Y/N
Referee 2:			
Name:			
Address:			
Postcode		Email:	
Tel:		Mobile:	
Vicar, Minister etc?	Y/N	Can this person comment on your suitability to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults?	Y/N

Availability/Uniform:

I would like to volunteer on (please tick one of the following options):

Only Fridays	<input type="checkbox"/>	Either Fridays or Saturdays as long as I always do the same	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only Saturdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	Either Fridays or Saturdays, or a mixture of both	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate how many shifts per month you would like to volunteer:

maximum once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	sometimes twice a month	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please indicate your uniform size (polo shirt and jacket in men's sizes):

Small	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Large	<input type="checkbox"/>
XXL	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Emergency contact information:

In the event of an emergency, please contact:

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Tel/mobile:	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to you:	<input type="text"/>		

Or if this person cannot be reached, please contact:

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Tel/mobile:	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to you:	<input type="text"/>		

Declaration:

I hereby certify that the information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and undertake to make every effort to be available at least 1 night per month and for Street Angels' training sessions:

Signed:	<input type="text"/>	Name (please print):	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
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Please send this completed form together with the confidential safeguarding declaration form to:

Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy: Street Angels, PO Box 1104,
Guildford, GU1 9JX

**Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy
Volunteer Street Angel**



Safeguarding declaration form

As an organisation we undertake to meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998, the Protection of Children Act 1999, the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 and all other relevant legislation. All applicants are asked to complete this form and return it with your application form:

Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy - Street Angels
PO Box 1104
Guildford
GU1 9JX

Disclosures:

Have you ever been charged with, cautioned or convicted in relation to any criminal offence; or are you at present the subject of a criminal investigations/pending prosecution? (delete as appropriate)	Y/N
If yes, please give details including the nature of the offences and the dates. Please give details of the court(s) where your conviction(s) were heard, the type of offence and sentence(s) received. Please also give details of the reasons and circumstances that led to the offence(s). Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.	

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To your knowledge, have you ever been the subject of a police investigation which didn't lead to a criminal conviction?	Y/N
If yes, please give details below, including the date of the investigation, the Police Force involved, details of the investigation and reason for this, and disposal(s) if known.	
To your knowledge have you ever had any allegation made against you, which has been reported to, and investigated by, Social Services Department?	Y/N
If yes, please provide details, we will need to discuss this with you.	
Have you ever been involved in court proceedings concerning a child or young person for whom you have parental responsibility?	Y/N
If yes, please provide details and dates.	

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Has there ever been any cause for concern regarding your conduct with children, young people or vulnerable adults? Please include any disciplinary action taken by an employer in relation to your behaviour to children, young people or vulnerable adults.	Y/N
If yes, please provide details.	

Disclosures:

To help us ensure that we are complying with laws relating to the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults, please complete the following declaration.

I _____ (full name)
of (address) _____

confirm that the information given above is accurate and correct and I am not subject to any of the disqualifications set out in the Protection of Children Act 1999.

I consent to a criminal records check if appointed to this position. I am aware that the details of pending prosecutions, previous convictions, cautions, or bindovers against me will be disclosed along with any other relevant information which may be known to the police, and Lists held in accordance with the Protection of Children Act 1999.

I agree to inform the person in the organisation responsible for processing applications for Criminal Records Bureau checks if I am convicted of an offence after I take up any post within the organisation. I understand that failure to do so may lead to the immediate suspension of my work with children, young people or vulnerable adults and/or the termination of my employment or voluntary role.

I agree to inform the person in the organisation responsible for processing applications for Criminal Records Bureau checks if I become the subject of a police and/or social services / social work department investigation. I understand that the failure to do so may lead to the immediate suspension of my work with children, young people or vulnerable adult and/or the termination of my employment or voluntary role.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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Notes

The Disclosure of an offence may not prohibit employment.

As this post involves substantial, unsupervised contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults, all applicants who are offered an appointment will be asked to submit to a criminal records check before the position can be confirmed. You will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure through The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

As the position is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act this check will reveal any details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings, as well as formal convictions. Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this position is exempt from the provision of section 4(ii) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions Order 1975), and you are not entitled to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provisions of the Act. You must therefore declare all convictions whenever they occurred. In the event of appointment, any failure to disclose such convictions could result in the withdrawal of approval to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults within the organisation.

This process is subject to a strict code to ensure confidentiality, fair practice and security of any information disclosed. The CRB Code of Practice and our own procedures are available on request for you to read. It is stressed that a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to appointment, only if the nature of any matters revealed could be considered to place children, young people or vulnerable adults at risk.

As an organisation we agree to abide by the Code of Practice on the use of personal data in employee/employer relationships under the Data Protection Act 1998 as well as the expectations of the CRB.

As a condition of employment we ask that you keep us informed of any other work (either paid or voluntary) which you are undertaking which involved working with children, young people or vulnerable adults. Should ever we need to refer an individual to the list of people deemed unsuitable for working with children or vulnerable adults known as the PoCA List held by the Department of Health then we would also inform them of any knowledge we have of that individual working in any other child care position.

Under the Protection of Children Act (PoCA) 1999 and the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000, it is an offence for any organisation to offer employment to anyone who has been convicted of certain specific offences, or included on the PoCA List or Department of Education & Skills List 99 where that employment involves regular contact with young people under the age of 18.

Under the Protection of Children Act 1999 it is an offence for an individual who is disqualified from working with children from applying for, offering to do, or accepting any work in a child care position.

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