

SleepOut 2023 – Corporate Teams

Thank you for your interest in having your organisation participate in the Southwark Cathedral SleepOut in aid of Robes.

About Robes: Established in 2007, Robes provides a volunteer led Winter Night Shelter for those in need, providing safety, a warm bed, somewhere to sleep, and a community to connect to. We offer tailored advice, guidance and referrals in all areas, and work in partnership with our guests to aid move on to more long-term accommodation.

Once in their new dwellings, we offer a tenancy sustainment floating support service, aimed at preventing repeat rough sleeping. Both our current and former guests are welcome all year round at our Wednesday Club, where they can receive breakfast, a hot lunch, and showers. Wednesday Club is an opportunity for our guests to reconnect with their community, play some games, have some laughs, and our dedicated advice workers are on hand to assist with any challenges they may be facing. Robes is a small but mighty charity, and with the assistance of our amazing volunteers, we are proud to support those who need it most.

Information for organisations wishing to have a corporate team participate in the SleepOut

Date: Friday 24th November 2023

Time: 7pm – 7am

Location: Southwark Cathedral

Team Size: 8 people maximum

About: The SleepOut is an annual event organised by Southwark Cathedral in aid of Robes, and was first held in 2010. It is an opportunity to raise awareness and get a small taste of what it is like to be homeless in a safe environment.

There will be an evening of entertainment (which is open to non-sleepers also for a small donation), before your team settles down for the night. Participants will sleep in the church grounds of Southwark Cathedral, under the light of the Shard.

Hot drinks and toilets will be available throughout the night, and a hot breakfast will be served in the morning.

Provisions: Participants are advised to bring several layers of warm clothes (it's likely to be chilly), something to sleep in and something to sleep on. It's also advisable to bring a bivvy bag or similar, to keep your sleeping bag dry if it rains. In the event of severe weather, alternative provision is in place. Tents are not permissible.

Sponsorship: Participants are asked to fundraise for this event. Many corporate teams we have worked with in the past also have a match funding scheme to equal the funds raised by their staff. We are asking corporates to make an additional suggested donation of between £2,000 - £10,000 (depending on the size of your organisation). Any corporate team that donates between £2-10k on top of their staffs fundraising efforts will be mentioned on the night and will also get a mention in the Robes newsletter. Any team who donates over £10k will be mentioned in Robes Annual Report.

Further Details: please go to www.robess.org.uk/sleepout-robess or email cathedral@robess.org.uk

