

Volunteer Quotes

"I enjoy the interaction and connections made between the volunteers themselves and the guests – the ability to be present and listen, to offer a space of hospitality to people experiencing difficult periods in their lives".

"I participate to engender a team spirit within the congregation and to do something significant to fight back against homelessness".

"It is great team work volunteering at Robes and a great, diverse bunch of people".

"My experience was challenging but enjoyable knowing that I helped those in need".

Robes would like to thank all participating churches and volunteers who make our work possible.

If you are interested in volunteering this year, **contact your team leader**. If you're not sure who that is, or you want to know more, contact Hafza on project.officer@robes.org.uk.

Your team leaders will support you, and you can find additional help on the resources tab of our website.

For more information go to our website

www.robes.org.uk



Robes Winter Night Shelter

Support those experiencing homelessness in Southwark and Lambeth

Robes offers amongst its services a rotating Winter Night Shelter in conjunction with our wonderful churches and amazing volunteers.

Help support your church support others this Winter.



Who are 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.

Local Homelessness

According to Government figures, rough sleeping numbers in London rose by 34% in 2022.

In Southwark, this figure was higher, with an increase of 40% in rough sleeping from the previous year.

In the same count, Lambeth was identified as having the fifth highest numbers of rough sleepers in the Greater London area.

Volunteer Roles

HELPFUL HOSTS



There are several different roles under this category.

We use volunteers to welcome and sign our guests in for the evening, and others to settle guests in and socialise with them.

In the morning, volunteers are also used for conversation and to pack away for the day.

CREATIVE COOKS



Providing a hot, nutritious meal and dessert for the evening, and a cooked breakfast in the mornings ensure our guests have sustenance to keep them going.

We have roles for both evening cooks, and for the early birds, morning cook roles.

OUTSTANDING OVERNIGHTERS



Our volunteers who stay overnight in the venue in case of any emergency.

A place to sleep and bedding is provided (or you can bring your own), and Robes staff are also available on a duty system to assist with any emergencies that you need additional support for.