

Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 18/19

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Shelter Dates: There will be three phases of operation for this year's church shelter

- Start Phase: Tue 1st Jan 2019 – Sun 6th Jan 2019
- Phase 1: Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Sun 17th Feb 2019
- Phase 2: Mon 18th Feb 2019 – Sun 31st Mar 2019

Shelter Venues: There are 15 churches hosting the shelter in total. One church is operating for 6 consecutive days during the start phase. The other churches are working on a rolling church model where one church hosts the same night of the week for 6 weeks in either phase 1 or 2.

Training: We have trained 425 volunteers so far through the 10 training sessions held during November/Dec. We have a couple more training sessions planned in January. Please go to <http://bcwns.org> if you would like to attend.

Further Training: We have held specific training for our shift leaders to help prepare them for the operational running of the shelter. There have also been a variety of optional training sessions in First Aid, Mental Health Awareness, Drugs/Alcohol Awareness and Conflict Resolution for all our volunteers. The uptake of this training has been good and the feedback very positive. We have more of these sessions planned for January so please contact [Amanda](#) if you would like to attend further training.

Registration: So far we have 391 volunteers registered for a shift at a specific venue. This is an amazing response to serving the poor in our City. Venues have started to work on their rotas for the Start Phase and Phase 1.

Referral Agency: St. Mungo's will be our referral agency again this year. We have met with them to discuss the referral process and they are beginning to highlight low risk guests that may be suitable for our project.

Deputy Project Coordinator: We are delighted to say that we have appointed Natalie Patillas as our Deputy Project Coordinator. She is already proving an asset to the project and a support to Amanda at a very busy time.

Prayer Updates: So far 258 people have signed up for a prayer update. If you want to sign up – please sign up [here](#)

Finances: To date 20% of the funds needed to run this project have been received; many thanks for the contributions so far. Could we ask you to consider a contribution from your church funds, and/or a special offering, to help make this shelter viable? Expenditure to date is in line with expectations. Contributions towards the BCWNS can be forwarded directly to the following account:

Account Name: Crisis Centre Limited

Account Number: 01408518

Sort Code: 40-14-13

Payment reference: BCWNS



Crisis Centre Ministries will hold all money for the project in a restricted fund meaning that they will not be used for any other purpose.

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