

SOUTHWARK

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Overnight volunteers for Robes Winter Night Shelter

Southwark Cathedral welcomes a large and increasing number of people every day. Some are tourists visiting a fascinating historic building. Some are worshippers coming either for private prayer or to take part in a service. Some are people who come looking for support, comfort or advice in varying degrees of personal need.



We take part in the annual winter night shelter provision for homeless people in Southwark and Lambeth by hosting 1 night a week for 12 weeks during the winter months.

We are looking for two overnight volunteers to be at Robes Winter Night Shelters from 9.30pm to 7am. Robes run the shelter for 12 weeks a year starting in January and we want each volunteer to take 3 or 4 nights if possible. We welcome male and female volunteers to support our guests, and you will sleep in the venue in the same room as our guests.

Responsibilities include:

- Ensuring the building is secure and fire exits are accessible in case of an emergency.
- Greeting any late guest arrivals and providing food left by the evening team.
- Making sure the building is locked and lights turned out by 10 (including the church area).
- Responding if a guest needs assistance in the night.
- Letting guests out if they need to leave early for work.
- Passing information about how the overnight has been to the morning volunteer.

What are we looking for?

- Good people skills with a non-judgmental attitude.
- Good time management.

- A flexible approach to their work.
- Ability to work within a challenging environment.
- Ability to follow and give instructions.
- Be 'people focused' / 'people person' as this person will need to be approachable both to volunteers and guests.

What would you gain as a volunteer?

As a volunteer with Southwark Cathedral, all volunteers gain:

- The opportunity of supporting a historic London landmark
- Invitations to meetings and other cathedral events.
- An opportunity to enhance your existing skills and develop new ones.
- Discounts in the Cathedral Shop and Café
- A reference for those seeking paid employment (after a minimum satisfactory volunteering period).

Other useful information

- Induction and Training will be provided.
- Expenses will be reimbursed.

Application process

- Potential volunteers are given a copy of the role description and new volunteers are asked to complete a short application form.
- References are requested for new volunteers on return of the application form
- Invitation to attend an informal interview where all potential volunteers will have the opportunity to ask questions.
- A recruitment decision will be made (dependent on references) and if the applicant is suitable a start date will be agreed.

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all volunteers and applications from individuals are encouraged regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

If you wish to apply, please download the application form on the volunteer webpage and send the completed form to Cathedral.Volunteers@southwark.anglican.org. Or alternatively fill out the online form here: <https://shorturl.at/mrD13>.

Although the volunteering commences in January 2024, we need to recruit sooner to organise a plan for the year ahead.