

Foyer at Croydon

Keeping the Foyer unique

About the Foyer at Croydon: Oasis Foyer at Croydon is a supported housing project in Thornton Heath, providing housing and help to 18 young people aged 16-25, from within the Borough of Croydon.

Opened in June 2000, the Foyer is owned by Broomleigh Housing Association and managed by Oasis. It came into being as a direct response to the identified needs of disadvantaged young people in the local area.

Prospective residents are referred via the Housing Advice Project (HAP 25) in East Croydon and then go through a 2-stage interview process to ensure the Foyer is the best place for them to be. Applicants must have a genuine housing need, and there must be evidence of additional support needs in order for them to be accepted.

At the start of a tenancy, residents' basic skills (literacy and numeracy) and life skills are assessed. These assessments inform a bespoke programme of support devised to address the identified needs.

The vision: The Foyer's vision is to provide much more than a roof over a young person's head. The Foyer aims to raise the self-belief of the young people it works with - to see them achieving their dreams and to help them into education and employment.

The Foyer provides residents with weekly key work support; runs Life Skills workshops covering topics such as budgeting, cooking, relationships and sexual health, communication, resettlement and many more; and also offers access to the IT facilities.

The expected length of stay for a young person at the project is between a year and eighteen months. The programme of support is designed to ensure that each young person gains the necessary skills and experience to live independently. When an individual is ready to move on from the project,



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assistance is given to find suitable alternative accommodation, and follow up support is offered for a period of six months.



A community focus: The Foyer also provides access to IT facilities and adult careers advice to members of the local community of all ages, as well as vocal training and football coaching for young people from within the community.

A proven track record: Your funding can make a real difference to the lives of Croydon's young people. Since opening in 2000, over 120 people have lived at the Foyer and 80 young people have been moved on into independent accommodation, and:

- 9 residents have gone on to study for a degree at University
- Currently 30% of our residents are in paid employment; 62% are in further or higher education.
- Over 700 people in the community have benefited from careers advice and guidance
- Accredited ICT training has been delivered to over 400 people in the local community

The Foyer's Housing Support work is funded by Supporting People, however your contribution is essential - your contribution at Croydon is part of the Foyer Federation.