### Nightstop Volunteer Host

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more about our mission and vision here, [http://simonscotland.org/about-us/](http://simonscotland.org/about-us/).

Nightstop helps prevent homelessness through community hosting. It provides invaluable support to young people (aged 16-25 yrs) who are in immediate housing crisis by providing temporary safe accommodation in your home.

The accommodation is agreed one night initially, while Simon Community Nightstop explore alternative options and long term solutions. You will host a young person in your home, providing a place of safety and a listening ear if needed. Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed to provide a warm meal & breakfast in the morning.

An initial one to one consultation with our Nightstop manager to answer any queries will be provided.

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<th>Hosts will be contacted at weekly intervals (or otherwise agreed intervals) in order to give availability for accommodation provision to Nightstop staff.</th>
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| Main tasks       | • To provide basic, clean, safe, private overnight accommodation to the guest  
                   • To provide an evening meal and breakfast for the guest (out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed)  
                   • To liaise with the Nightstop service team regarding your availability  
                   • Provide regular feedback after every placement  
                   • To attend initial training programme prior to undertaking the role and attend periodic training during the course of the role  
                   • To attend training and support sessions where appropriate  
                   • To adhere to the terms of Simon Community Scotland policies currently in force and its Code of Practice.  
                   • To contribute positively to the continuous development of the service/team  
                   • To observe clear professional boundaries in our relations with the young people we work with |
| Requirements     | • Fully committed to the Simon Community Mission and core values  
                   • Good communication and people skills  
                   • An ability to relate to people on a one to one, non judgmental basis. |
- A desire to work with disadvantaged people
- A spare room
- A willingness to participate in training and be involved in consultation regarding the role
- Able to approach your volunteering role with a flexible and non-judgemental attitude

| Training and support available | • Initial Q&A with the Nightstop manager
• Full and comprehensive training and induction will be given to the right candidates
• There will be periodic volunteer support groups for Nightstop hosts that provide peer support and informal training opportunities
• Contribute to a service that really does make a difference to the lives of young people
• All hosts will be provided with telephone support and debriefing after every placement
• There will be regular home visits from service staff
• A 24hr on call system is in operation to allow access to advice and guidance for hosts
• Out of pocket expenses will be provided
• Training: Comprehensive training in the following areas:
  - SCS Volunteer Induction and Training program (SCS work, intro to service, history, values etc)
  - Communication skills
  - Boundaries
  - Confidentiality
  - Working with challenging behaviour
  - Drugs & Alcohol
  - Social inclusion
  - The opportunity for further development training |

| Any other Requirements | • Full PVG disclosure, provided by Simon Community
• While volunteering with Nightstop, volunteers must have full liability insurance cover |

| Recruitment process | Q&A with Nightstop manager, application, PVG, reference checks, home visits with H&S checks and interview process |

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