

WINTER NIGHTSHELTER

Newport Nightshelter opened for 18 weeks between November 2016 - April 2017. During this time we received 116 referrals asking for emergency accommodation and almost 90 people accessed the shelter for 1 or more nights, finding hospitality and shelter from the cold weather at our 16 Church venues. We are grateful to our 16 church venues and partnering agencies that support us to provide emergency winter accommodation to homeless people. It gives me great pleasure to report that our Nightshelter project delivered positive outcomes during the period, we successfully supported 27 people to secure accommodation and one person was supported to access residential Christian rehabilitation with [Betel UK](#). Please pray for Debra as she continues her journey with the Lord and freedom from addiction.

We will be holding a thanksgiving / presentation evening for last winters Nightshelter project where I will be providing comprehensive feedback and good news stories. Please accept this as an invitation to the event which will be held at St Woolos Cathedral, Stow Hill on Wednesday 14th June 2017, please arrive at 630pm for a 7pm start, tea & coffee will be provided.

We were thankful for 3 new church venues last year and remain hopeful that we will be able to extend the opening time of Newport Nightshelter with the introduction of additional venues this coming winter 2017/2018. Our aim is to open for 21 weeks, an extension of 3 weeks from our current 18 weeks. To achieve this we need to recruit 5 new church venues to the Nightshelter project. If you are interested in your church being part of this life changing ministry please contact Marc Hepton or Tanya Lawrence on 01633 243235.

Street Contact

I am excited to introduce a new project that aims to reach out to those who are at risk of becoming, or are trapped in the cycle of addiction. Using an exhibition trailer to go into challenged communities in Newport, Street Contact will be manned by volunteers sourced from local churches who have a passion to see lives changed by the power of the Gospel message. Street Contact will be starting this summer and I am keen to hear from people with an interest in youth / youth offending,