

‘Supporting the Homeless’ Sleep Out Pip ‘n’ Jay, Bristol 26 February 2010 Organisation Invitation Letter

Dear friend,

Following the successful 2009 Sleep Out, in which 12 organisations participated, I am writing to invite your organisation to join in the 2010 ‘Supporting the Homeless’ Sleep Out to raise awareness of the issues of homelessness in and around Bristol, and to raise, through sponsorship, funds for work with homeless people.

If your organisation works to help homeless people, you are invited to participate and raise funds for your own work. Otherwise, we ask you to nominate the organisation (or organisations) you wish to support.

The idea is that people will sleep out in the grounds of Pip ‘n’ Jay Church, arriving between 10 and 10:30 pm on Friday 26, and leaving between 6:30 and 7 am on Saturday 27. Soup and a bread roll will be provided from 10.30 before people settle for the night, and coffee and a roll from 6 am before people leave. Kitchen facilities are available for the caterers to prepare the soup and drinks, and toilet facilities will be made available throughout the night.

We are asking for organisations to make a small donation of £15 to cover costs (primarily the catering). Each organisation will register its own participants and collect its own sponsorship. We are hoping to have between fifteen and twenty organisations involved, and to keep total numbers to a manageable level each organisation will be able to register an initial maximum of 20 participants. If you are interested, we expect to be able to make more places available to you from the start of February, when we will have a better idea of the numbers taking part.

Further details are available on the BCAN web site (www.bcan.org.uk/sleepout/), but if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me or one of the other members of the steering group.

I have enclosed a form to register your organisation’s desire to be involved. Please return it to me at the given address as soon as possible. When the form is returned, I will add your organisation’s name and the contact name to the list of organisations on the BCAN web site, along with any other contact details (such as phone number or email address) you wish to provide. Thank you.

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