

What the Young People have to say.....

....I was a bit **nervous** about staying in someone else's home but they made me **feel very welcome**. Nothing could have been better; I really **enjoyed** and appreciated my stay....

....Nightstop **helped me** to acquire permanent **accommodation** without being on the streets. I have got a 6 month lease which will give me **time** to save up a deposit. I have applied for **several jobs** and I would like to seek out an **apprenticeship** in plumbing. Without Nightstop I would have probably fallen into a deeper hole....

....My hostess and her family have been really **great** and **helpful** and **caring** and I am really grateful. Thank you so much Nightstop for everything you have done for me. I shall be **forever grateful**. Thank you...



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Volunteering Opportunities with
homeless young people age 16-24



Who we are...

Nightstop is a local charity with a team of households around the New Forest providing emergency accommodation for 1 - 5 nights for young people while they receive further advice on housing, employment and health.

We have a careful risk assessment process, working alongside other professional agencies in the New Forest, and no young person who is unsuitable is able to stay with Nightstop hosts. Those who do stay are, without exception, very grateful to their hosts.

Nightstop is not a permanent solution to youth homelessness, but it gives young people a breathing space to consider their situation.

New Forest Nightstop currently has around 25 volunteers who are hosts, drivers and support volunteers.

Hosts

Our host households are approved and security-checked people from the local community. All our volunteers are equipped with training and information regarding the challenges young people can face.

We have a range of households on the team including young families, single and retired people.

Hosts are not called to be counsellors but the focus is on hospitality and offering safe, friendly overnight accommodation.

Drivers

In addition to host households, Nightstop drivers provide lifts to young people if there is no public transport available. Drivers sometimes collect a young person from a referring agency and take them to a host's home or maybe get a young person to an important appointment.

Support volunteers

Support volunteers give some practical help and structured guidance during the day for a couple of hours to young people staying at Nightstop households. This may be helping with forms, accompanying to housing or benefits interviews or signposting to support agencies. Occasionally, the Support Volunteer may help a young person who has stayed with Nightstop to move into new accommodation.



Get involved...

- Being a Nightstop volunteer is very rewarding and you would be part of a friendly and like-minded team.
- Nightstop volunteers can choose how much time they give to Nightstop - from a few hours or a couple of nights a month to longer and all expenses are covered.
- All volunteers receive induction training and on-going training related to young people's issues.
- Thank you for your interest in Nightstop. Please give us a ring on **01425 478391** if you are interested in finding out more.
- For any further information about Nightstop you can visit the following websites:

www.newforestnightstop.org.uk

www.depaulnightstopuk.org