

Street Impact Team Member role profile

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'..."The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

(Matthew 25:35-40)

Introduction to the Street Impact team

We love to put God's love in action by serving our city. The Street Impact Team serves those facing homelessness on the streets of Edinburgh. We go out once a week in pairs to offer sandwiches, hot drinks, signposting support, a listening ear and prayer to those who are begging in the city centre. We carry rucksacks of supplies and walk round parts of the City where we know people will be sitting (for example: Leith Walk, Princes Street, Rose Street, George Street). In this way we are able to serve some of the most marginalised and isolated people in Edinburgh.

What are the key responsibilities of the Street Impact Team

Members?

- Go through relevant training and PVG process
- Commit to serving on the rota once a month
- Be reliable keep your rota commitment and turn up on time
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. We serve in all weathers and walk a decent distance
- Keep to arrival and finishing times (6pm-10.30pm)
- Coordinate with team lead and team mate regarding supplies. Potentially buy what is needed for the evening's supplies e.g. bread, ham & cheese. Keep the receipts as you will be refunded on items you have bought
- Meet at Bethany Christian Centre (6 Casselbank Street, EH6 5HA) to prepare food
- Prepare hot drinks and sandwiches according to food hygiene guidelines (training will be given)
- Keep to safety guidelines e.g. boundaries, do not give out personal information or money (training provided)
- Work as part of a team in pairs
- Be willing to serve in mixed gendered pairs. (Please discuss with team leader if this is an issue)
- Keep to the route given out by the Team Leader
- Pray with your team mate at the beginning and end of your shift
- Communicate with each individual you serve with dignity and respect
- Be non-judgemental towards the ones you serve

- Offer prayer to each person and honour their response (always ask before laying on hands)
- Agree with team mate who will write a shift report with prayer requests and anything of concern
- Do not to be under the influence of anything while serving i.e.: alcohol or drugs

Who do I contact if I have questions or require support?

- The Street Impact Leader is Kevin Chalmers and will lead and support you as a Street Impact Team Member
- The Community Action Overseer is Judith Dara. The Community Action Overseer helps provide support to Community Action team leaders.
- Street Impact is a Leith Community initiative although people from other Communities are welcome to join. The Community Pastor in Leith is Sammy Ewan. The Community Pastor oversees the Community as a whole and is available to provide pastoral support.

Contact details & how to join

Street Impact Team Leader Kevin Chalmers: <u>kevin.chalmers.3040@gmail.com</u>; 07481479260

- 1. Fill in application form <u>here</u>
- 2. Have a discussion with team leader
- 3. Go through PVG process
- 4. Complete necessary training
- 5. Have a trial shift
- 6. Officially join the team and join the rota