

Be a Street Angel

Camberley Street Angels has grown from Christian beliefs and a long Christian heritage of service and loving one's neighbour.



It stems from a desire on the part of the Christian Community in Camberley to show care and love to people in need in our town. Values of **selflessness** and being **non-judgmental, integrity, honesty, professionalism, collaboration** and **excellence** lie at the heart of everything a Street Angel does. Street Angels respect and learn from diversity by caring for anyone, regardless of who they are and whatever their circumstances. Safety of Street Angel volunteers and the people we seek to serve is essential.

WHO ARE STREET ANGELS?

Street Angels or similar programmes have been springing up across the UK over the last 8 years. Camberley Street Angels are adult volunteers, from the local Christian Community, who care and provide practical support for the people who use the night clubs and other leisure and entertainment venues in Camberley town centre, including helping them to access further support should they request it.

WHAT DO STREET ANGELS DO?

Street Angels believe that people in need, particularly young people, deserve care and support. The needs of these individuals may be the result of drunkenness, drug abuse, homelessness, or any other issue which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm.

They help people whoever they are and whatever their situation by listening, caring, offering practical help and through simple acts of generosity and kindness. On occasion they can also help by referring people to other agencies who could help them further.

Their calming presence on the streets late at night makes a really positive impact on crime and antisocial behaviour in town centres.

STREET ANGEL VALUES

Selfless and non-judgmental

Street Angels expect nothing in return for the help they provide and believe that people in need are best served by a non-judgmental approach.

Excellence and professionalism

We believe that people in need deserve nothing but the highest standards of service and professionalism. Street Angels receive training and ongoing support to help them perform their role safely and to a high standard.

Integrity and honesty

It is imperative to the success of Street Angels that their service is delivered with the highest ethical and legal standards. Honesty, fairness and integrity are principles that underpin all Street Angels' activities.

Collaboration and partnership

Camberley Street Angels works in partnership with a wide range of statutory, voluntary, community and faith organisations.

HOW DOES STREET ANGELS WORK?

Street Angels is managed by Churches Together in Camberley (CTC). All volunteers are recruited through a comprehensive application process which includes Criminal Record Bureau checks and will agree to abide by the policies and procedures in place for Camberley Street Angels.

Street Angel volunteers commit to an initial training programme of approximately six sessions and one night on duty every four weeks thereafter. They will also be expected to attend occasional ongoing training to further support them in the role. Training covers a wide range of issues and skills including personal safety, listening skills, cultural awareness, understanding your town, drugs and alcohol awareness, child protection and working with the emergency services.

On any given duty night there will be four Street Angels working in pairs providing on-street care and support for anyone in need during the hours the bars and clubs open. They will work closely with the Police and emergency services. Street Angels will patrol on foot and have direct contact by radio with each other, the team base, CCTV and the Police.

Churches Together in Camberley

Application to be a volunteer Street Angel



Personal details:

First names:		Surname:	
Address:			
Postcode:		Email:	
Tel No:		Mobile:	

Relevant employment and volunteering history:

Please give brief details of any employment or volunteer roles you have undertaken which you consider relevant to this role*:

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* continue on separate sheet if necessary

Suitability for the role:

Please explain briefly why you are interested in becoming a Street Angel volunteer:

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Do you have any particular skills that you think would be useful as a Street Angel?

Please provide any further information you consider relevant to your application including information about your recreational interests. *(Also include here any circumstances of which we ought to be aware where special provision needs to be made for you at interview or in carrying out this role):*

Safeguarding declaration:

You will understand the responsibility involved in working with children, young people and vulnerable adults and the need to ensure their safety. If you are successfully appointed to this role we will help you obtain an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. In the meantime we ask you complete the attached confidential safeguarding declaration form and return it to us in a sealed envelope.

References:

Please give the name and contact details of two people (not related to you) who are prepared to provide us with a reference. One referee should ideally be the Vicar, Minister, Pastor or the leader of a Christian group you attend regularly. If you are unable to provide a reference from such a person, your application will be referred to the leadership of Churches Together in Camberley Group for review.

Referee 1:			
Name:			
Address:			
Postcode		Email:	
Tel:		Mobile:	
Vicar, Minister etc?	Y/N	Can this person comment on your suitability to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults?	Y/N
Referee 2:			
Name:			
Address:			
Postcode		Email:	
Tel:		Mobile:	
Vicar, Minister etc?	Y/N	Can this person comment on your suitability to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults?	Y/N

Availability/Uniform:

Please indicate how many shifts per month you would like to volunteer:

maximum once a month		sometimes twice a month	
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Please indicate your likely uniform size (men's sizes):

Small		X Large	
Medium		XX Large	
Large			

Emergency contact information:

In the event of an emergency, please contact:

Name:		Tel/mobile:	
Relationship to you:			

If this person cannot be reached, please contact:

Name:		Tel/mobile:	
Relationship to you:			

Declaration:

I hereby certify that the information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I undertake to make every effort to be available for Street Angels' training sessions and for duty at least one night per month thereafter:

Signed:		Name (please print):		Date:	
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Please send this completed form together with the confidential safeguarding declaration form to:

Street Angels' Coordinator
High Cross Church
Knoll Road
Camberley
Surrey
GU15 3SY

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Have you ever been the subject of a police investigation which didn't subsequently lead to a criminal conviction?	Y/N
If yes, please give details below, including the date of the investigation, the Police Force involved, details of the investigation and reason for it, and disposal(s) if known.	
Have you ever had any allegation made against you which has been reported to and investigated by Social Services Department?	Y/N
If yes, please provide details, we will need to discuss this with you.	
Have you ever been involved in court proceedings concerning a child or young person for whom you have parental responsibility?	Y/N
If yes, please provide details and dates.	

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Has there ever been any cause for concern regarding your conduct with children, young people or vulnerable adults? Please include any disciplinary action taken by an employer in relation to your behaviour to children, young people or vulnerable adults.	Y/N
If yes, please provide details.	

Disclosures:

To help us ensure that we are complying with laws relating to the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults, please complete the following declaration.

I _____ (full name)

of (address) _____

confirm that the information given above is accurate and correct and I am not subject to any of the disqualifications set out in the Protection of Children Act 1999.

I consent to a criminal records check. I am aware that the details of pending prosecutions, previous convictions, cautions, or bindovers against me will be disclosed along with any other relevant information which may be known to the police, and Lists held in accordance with the Protection of Children Act 1999.

I agree to inform the person in the organisation responsible for processing applications for Criminal Records Bureau checks if I am convicted of an offence after I take up any post within the organisation. I understand that failure to do so may lead to the immediate suspension of my work with children, young people or vulnerable adults and/or the termination of my role.

I agree to inform the person in the organisation responsible for processing applications for Criminal Records Bureau checks if I become the subject of a police and/or social services / social work department investigation. I understand that the failure to do so may lead to the immediate suspension of my work with children, young people or vulnerable adult and/or the termination of my role.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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Notes

The Disclosure of an offence may not prohibit employment.

As this post may involve unsupervised contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults, all applicants will be asked to submit to a criminal records check before the position can be confirmed. You will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure through The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

As the position is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, this check will reveal any details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings as well as formal convictions. Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this position is exempt from the provision of section 4(ii) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions Order 1975), and you are not entitled to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provisions of the Act. You must therefore declare all convictions whenever they occurred. Any failure to disclose such convictions could result in the withdrawal of approval to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults within the organisation.

This process is subject to a strict code to ensure confidentiality, fair practice and security of any information disclosed. The CRB Code of Practice and our own procedures are available on request. It is stressed that a criminal record will not necessarily be a bar to appointment, only if the nature of any matters revealed could be considered to place children, young people or vulnerable adults at risk.

As an organisation we agree to abide by the Code of Practice on the use of personal data in employee/employer relationships under the Data Protection Act 1998 as well as the expectations of the CRB.

As a condition of appointment we ask that you keep us informed of any other work (either paid or voluntary) which you are undertaking which involved working with children, young people or vulnerable adults. Should ever we need to refer an individual to the list of people deemed unsuitable for working with children or vulnerable adults known, as the PoCA List and held by the Department of Health then we would also inform them of any knowledge we have of that individual working in any other child care position.

Under the Protection of Children Act (PoCA) 1999 and the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000, it is an offence for any organisation to offer employment to anyone who has been convicted of certain specific offences, or included on the PoCA List or Department of Education & Skills List 99 where that employment involves regular contact with young people under the age of 18.

Under the Protection of Children Act 1999 it is an offence for an individual who is disqualified from working with children to applying for, offer to do, or accept any work in a child care position.

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