



Glasgow Simon Community - Background

The first Simon Community was established in London in 1964 by Anton Wallich-Clifford, a probation officer who aimed to offer a positive alternative to people caught in the vicious circle of sleeping rough, short prison sentences and short spells in hospital.

The Simon Community came to Glasgow in 1966. Danny G, a meths drinker who had spent time in the London Simon House, returned to Glasgow when he heard his father was ill, and after a period of stability ran into difficulties. In response to a plea from Danny's mother two volunteers from the London Simon Community came up to Glasgow and with the help of Dr Donald of Alcoholics Anonymous in Glasgow they set up the first Glasgow Simon House.

Our Work Today

Forty six years on, Glasgow Simon Community has developed considerably and today helps over 3000 vulnerable men and women each year who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. **Our mission at Glasgow Simon Community is to combat the causes and alleviate the effects of homelessness.** We operate as an independent charity in Glasgow and the West of Scotland but work in close collaboration with other voluntary sector partners and statutory care providers to respond to the care and support needs of homeless men and women.

We fulfil our charitable role within the 'homelessness' support network by providing practical relief through the provision of:

- Glasgow Street Service who offer an accessible outreach service to assist people, who are or at risk of sleeping rough, to gain access to accommodation and health services appropriate to their needs with the ultimate aim of preventing the necessity to sleep rough.
- 7 small scale supported accommodation projects in Glasgow
- North Lanarkshire Intensive Housing Support Team who work to prevent rough sleeping and to support people to resettle in to accommodation within their community.
- Support services to people with enduring mental illness, to assist them to live independently and actively participate within their own communities
- Learning and training opportunities for service users through participation in one to one and group literacy tutoring, art classes, allotment, volunteering, etc.

If you wish more information on the work of the Glasgow Simon Community please contact us on:

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