

I would like to become a friend of Emmaus Norwich

I hereby authorise Emmaus Norwich to hold my personal contact details, including my name, address and phone number, to be kept on a secure database and operated by an authorised representative of Emmaus Norwich. The purpose is to collate a list of local supporters for activities relating to the development of an Emmaus Community in Norfolk.

Title: _____

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

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Please return this form to:

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Vincent's story

Vincent is a Companion at Emmaus Leeds.

"My dad left when I was five. I once saw him in town but even though I said hello to him, he just walked past me. My mum was everything to me. She was like a mum, dad and best friend all rolled into one.



For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to be in the army. It was the happiest day of my life when I was accepted and got my army papers.

I was only in the army for two months. I was medically discharged because of back problems. When I came back to Leeds I found that Mum had moved into a smaller house and didn't have room for me.

I started sleeping on top of the local night shelter. Around ten of us slept on the roof every night because there weren't enough beds to go round. I kept looking for work but couldn't find a job. Then I heard about Emmaus.

When I first moved to Emmaus Leeds, it was a bit scary because I didn't know anyone. Now I think it's a really good place.

I'm really grateful for everything Emmaus has done for me. They've helped me to get a roof back over my head and to get on with life. I work in the bike shop here at the Community. I felt so proud of myself when I sold the first bike I'd fixed. I had taken something that was broken and made it work again.

All you think about when you are on the street is finding a safe place to sleep and it's very hard to stay healthy. I'm not giving up my idea of getting into the army. Emmaus has given me the time and space to get myself fit and try again."



Become a friend of Emmaus Norwich

Help us build a future for homeless people in Norfolk



Emmaus – the homeless charity that works

Emmaus Norwich is a registered charity no. 1136584 and company limited by guarantee no. 7276977 registered in England and Wales.

What is Emmaus?

Emmaus is about people, many of whom arrive at Emmaus at a very low point in their lives. People become homeless for many different reasons. At Emmaus they find the space and support they need to start rebuilding their lives.

Emmaus Communities live as a family, with members supporting each other and contributing to the well-being of all. Residents, known as Companions, have their own room, but meals are eaten together and household duties are shared. Companions work in the Community business of collecting and re-selling good quality donated furniture and household items. This enables each Community to become self-financing, and support other good causes in the wider community.



Emmaus offers a home

At Emmaus, Companions get an opportunity to escape the loneliness and rejection of homelessness.

Emmaus offers work

Companions sign off job seekers allowance and work full time in the Community business, gaining new skills.

Emmaus offers a future

By living and working in Emmaus, people recover their self-respect, discovering for themselves how to take responsibility for their own lives as well as helping others less fortunate than themselves.

Where is Emmaus Norwich?

Our vision is to create an Emmaus Community near Norwich which will be sited in converted convent buildings at Ditchingham, about 12 miles south of Norwich.

Here it will build on the strong history of the Community of All Hallows Sisters at Ditchingham in reaching out and making a real difference to people's lives.

The convent buildings will be carefully and thoughtfully renovated to provide living

accommodation and workspace for Companions and staff whilst preserving these beautiful buildings for future generations.



Emmaus Communities support themselves by selling and recycling restored furniture and household goods. We hope visitors to the Norwich Community will also be able to enjoy refreshments on site and appreciate the natural splendour of the tranquil gardens.

Help us make it happen: become a friend of Emmaus Norwich

We will keep you updated on our progress at Emmaus Norwich and invite you to Open Days and special events.

You can also help by:

- Joining a task group and become part of the team developing Norfolk's first Emmaus Community.
- Helping us with fund raising events
- Making a donation to Emmaus Norwich

Please complete and return the form overleaf.

Thank you!