

Application to join an Emmaus community



Before completing this application form, please read the following information carefully. We want to be sure that you fully understand what Emmaus is and how we might be able to support you.

About Emmaus

We support people who have experienced homelessness and social exclusion by offering a home and meaningful work. Unlike a hostel, we are a community of people who live and work together, supporting ourselves and one another through our social enterprise. Emmaus is not a religious organisation and we welcome people from all faiths and backgrounds.

There is no limit to how long you can stay at an Emmaus community, as long as you agree to take part in community life and follow a few simple rules.

What is it like to live in an Emmaus community?

If you want to live in an Emmaus community we ask that you sign off all benefits, with the exception of housing benefit (we do also accept people with no recourse to public funds), and agree to work for 40 hours per week, to the best of your ability, in our social enterprise. This aims to help you to brush up the skills you might not have used for a while, gain new skills and experience and move forward with your life in a positive way.

What can I expect?

In an Emmaus community everyone has their own room, with communal areas for eating and socialising. During the day, companions, as our residents are known, work in our social enterprises, which are mainly charity shops. The work could include working in the shop, sorting items in the warehouse, going out to make deliveries in our vans, or working in the community home.

Emmaus will provide:	You will be expected to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A home for as long as you need it • Clothing, food and a small weekly allowance • Support to overcome any problems you may be experiencing • Work experience, training and support to help you to realise your aspirations and potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign off all benefits, with the exception of housing benefit • Work in the charity's social enterprise for up to 40 hours per week, to the best of your ability • Engage with the support on offer • Take part in community life and support the Emmaus ethos

Please answer all of the questions on this form honestly as this will enable us to make a fair assessment of your application.

To learn more about Emmaus and what we have to offer go to www.emmaus.org.uk

Declaration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I confirm that I have read the above information and understand that to live in an Emmaus community I would be expected to live in a community setting and work in the community's social enterprise. Having read and understood this, I would like to continue with this application.

Emmaus Cambridge is committed to protecting your personal information. To find out more, please read our companion privacy statement on our website www.emmaus.org.uk/cambridge. Please also read the privacy statement for Emmaus UK www.emmaus.org.uk/privacy and any other community/communities you are happy to have consider your application https://www.emmaus.org.uk/community_privacy_statements

Referrer details	
<i>Please complete this section if you are making a referral on behalf of someone else.</i>	
Name:	Contact details:
Agency (if applicable):	Relationship to applicant:
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that the applicant has given their consent for me to send this application on their behalf and is happy, based on the information given on the previous page, that Emmaus could offer appropriate support to meet their needs.	

Personal information		
Name of applicant:		Gender:
Date of birth:	Nationality:	National Insurance Number:
Contact telephone:	Contact email:	
What would be the best way to contact you?		
Are you eligible for to claim Housing Benefit? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If no, please say why

Current housing situation		
Sleeping rough: <input type="checkbox"/>	Social housing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Family Home: <input type="checkbox"/>
Hostel: <input type="checkbox"/>	Facing eviction: <input type="checkbox"/>	Private rental: <input type="checkbox"/>
Sofa surfing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Long stay hospital: <input type="checkbox"/>	Prison: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please give details)		
Where are you currently living? – address / site / town		
Have you lived at an Emmaus community before? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If yes, which Emmaus community/communities?

Support Needs		
<i>Please answer these questions honestly. Answering yes to any of these questions will not automatically exclude you from joining an Emmaus community, but it is important we have this information so we can make sure we can offer the support you need.</i>		
Do you have any physical health needs?		
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If you have answered yes, please provide further information about diagnosis and current treatment including historic information about your physical health and what you would need from Emmaus to best support you:		
Do you have any mental health support needs or have you suffered from mental health issues in the past?		
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If you have answered yes, please provide further information about diagnosis and current treatment including historic information about your mental health and what you would need from Emmaus to best support you:		
Are you on any current prescribed medication?		
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Name and reason for medication	Dosage prescribed	Frequency

Are you currently using drugs (non-prescribed medication)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently on a drug reduction programme? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you previously used drugs? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes to any of the above, please give details including details of any drug treatment programmes in the past.

Do you consider yourself to have a problem with alcohol? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you had a problem with alcohol in the past? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever gone through a detox programme? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes to any of the above, please give details including your current alcohol use and what actions are you prepared to take to address your alcohol problem? (Emmaus has an expectation that you are prepared to address your alcohol issues)

Do you drink every day?

How much do you drink a week?

Do you consider yourself to have a problem with gambling?

Yes
 No

If yes, please give details

Offending History

Have you been in trouble with the police?

Yes

No

If yes please give dates and nature of offence:

Please provide details if you have any of the following:

Probation orders

Outstanding court appearances

Warrants

Are you currently on the Sex Offenders' Register?

Yes

No

Have you ever committed Arson? (that may or may not have resulted in a criminal conviction)

Yes

No

Have you any history of violence? (that may or may not have resulted in a criminal conviction)

Yes

No

Please give details and dates of offences

Work/skills history

Have you been employed before?

If yes what role did you have and when?

Do you hold a full UK drivers licence?

What is it you could bring that would benefit Emmaus Cambridge?

Why do you want to join the community at Emmaus Cambridge?

What benefits might you see from living as part of a community?

Is there anything you might struggle with living as part of a community at Emmaus?

Is there anything else we should know that would benefit your application?

There are 29 Emmaus communities across the UK. Please state which communities you would be happy for your referral to be passed to.

Please note: all Emmaus communities are independent charities and have their own privacy statements. You should read the privacy statement for the community/communities you are applying to before submitting your application. These can be found at: https://www.emmaus.org.uk/community_privacy_statements

Bolton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenwich	<input type="checkbox"/>	Merseyside	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brighton & Hove	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mossley (G. Manchester)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bristol	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hastings & Rother	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norfolk & Waveney	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hertfordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	North East	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cambridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hull & East Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colchester	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lambeth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preston	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coventry & Warwickshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leicestershire & Rutland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Salford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	South Wales	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glasgow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village Carlton (Bedford)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloucestershire	<input type="checkbox"/>	I would be happy to be considered by any Emmaus community:		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Declaration

Emmaus Cambridge will process your application in accordance with our privacy statement for companions. This provides more information about what information we collect, how and why we process it, as well as your rights with respect to the data. You can read our privacy statement at www.emmaus.org.uk/cambridge.

In line with the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulations, the information you have provided will only be used to process your application and for administrative purposes. It will only be used by the communities you have indicated you would be happy to have your referral passed to and will not be shared with third parties.

The information I have supplied is true and correct. I understand that giving information I know to be false may lead to my licence to occupy being withdrawn.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

Please send your form to debbie.jones@emmauscambidge.org. If you need any further information, please contact Emmaus Cambridge on 01223 863657 ext 227.

What happens next?

Once we receive your application we will look at whether we have any places available that may be suitable for your needs. If we don't have a place available, we will pass your application to Emmaus UK who will look into whether one of the other communities you have agreed to consider has availability. If one of our communities has a place available, someone from that community will make contact with you direct to discuss your referral and get more information from you before a decision can be made about your referral.

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Date received:	Ref:
Allocated to:	Outcome:

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