

Nightstop

Stockport and Trafford

volunteer application form A

opening a door to homeless young people

Some of these questions are intended for host applicants only, others refer also telephone volunteers and drivers. They may seem exceptionally detailed, but such details are required for police and other checks. See also the panel at the top of page 4.

List name is the one we shall use in rota lists, eg. John & Mary SMITH or Sam JONES and Jim SMITH or Nellie BLOGGS

Please give the names of everyone **over 18** living in the house (including the above) who may be at home when a nightstopper is staying with you; **include under family name any previous names in brackets.**

Do bear in mind that there may be difficulties if not all the people listed here are willing to take part in hosting for Nightstop.

The nightstop guest should not be accommodated in a bedroom normally occupied by one of these - the room should be a spare room, or one left vacant by a student living away in term time, or perhaps one used for other purposes such as a

use back of sheet to continue if necessary

Please indicate in which capacity you would like to volunteer i.e host, telephone contact person, driver, Starters volunteer.

Please indicate if it is not normally permissible to telephone you at work, e.g. to ask you if you could take a guest.

Name and current address

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details of all adults in household (host) / just the volunteers (other)

	family name	forenames	date & place of birth
1			
2			
3			
4			

Volunteer role you are interested in:

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telephone numbers:

home	work (host/driver) whose work number?

Please supply addresses at which the above have stayed either separately or together; if separately, use row number from table above as reference.

addresses over the past five years

current from:	
dates	
dates	
dates	
dates	

Where did you first hear of Nightstop, what prompted you to apply; what qualities do you think you can bring to the task of hosting a homeless young person / linking nightstopper with host?
Please use a continuation sheet if necessary.

Why do you wish to become a Nightstop volunteer?

Mention experience that would be helpful in being a Nightstop volunteer, such as other voluntary work, youth work, family experience, caring for young people with disabilities, fluency in a language other than English, especially those of the ethnic minorities.

experience relevant to a Nightstop host / telephone volunteer /

Please give the name and address of **two** people who are NOT members of your family and have agreed to act as referee for you. These people should know you well (for at least a year) and preferably have knowledge of your household.
Status: relationship, eg. parish priest, friend, teacher, neighbour.
 With this form you should have received a copy of the form that we shall send to the referees.

In addition, please give details of your present or last employer (as appropriate), or previous voluntary body for which you have worked.

Any information to make it easier for you to go through the application process, e.g. you need access for a wheelchair or you need reading matter in extra large type.

All volunteers and staff are expected to abide by these principles

You may wish to use the back of the sheet to make notes of specific doubts and queries.

Please tick here if you have done so.

referees

name	name
status	status
address	address
postcode	postcode

name of employer/voluntary body	
address	
postcode	telephone

special requirements

equal opportunities statement

Nightstop in Stockport is committed to offering equal opportunities to all members, potential members, referral agents and young people who use the service or who wish to use the service of free emergency accommodation in volunteers' homes. We acknowledge our responsibility to act in ways which avoid and eliminate unfair and unethical practices.

All members of Nightstop in Stockport will play their part in ensuring that we act in ways which:

- ◆ respect and respond to different traditions of culture, religion and faith;
- ◆ recognise the impact of gender, age and sexuality on lifestyles;
- ◆ seek to understand and attempt to redress disadvantages arising from race, poverty and class;
- ◆ refrain from stigmatising people by reason of disability or illness;
- ◆ actively work towards eliminating unfair advantage or discrimination in all aspects of our work.

This will involve a continuous reflection on our work and regular discussions about and evaluation of how we are implementing our policies.

All staff members and volunteers are required to adhere to this policy.

All signatories give permission for Nightstop to pass on relevant information provided by them to the police or Social Services or the Department of Health for security checks. Nightstop undertakes that any information contained in this form or subsequently acquired will be used, in confidence, only in the

signatures of those wishing to be active members of Nightstop

name in block letters	signature
1	
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5	

health & safety note

We at Nightstop need to be sure that a guest is not placed in a house which may be unsafe for a someone who may be somewhat confused or distressed. When we visit you therefore, we shall ask questions about, for example, smoke alarms (which we will supply in case of need), dangerous chemicals, electrical safety and the servicing of gas appliances. A driver, when signing the above, also confirms that the vehicle to be used in transporting nightstoppers is roadworthy & fully insured, and that s/he has a clean driving licence.

Indicate time of day when it is most convenient to contact you about your application.

date of application

contact time and place

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Please send the completed form to

**The Joint Coordinator
Nightstop in Stockport
21B Middle Hillgate
Stockport SK1 3AY**

or telephone 0161 474 0520 with any queries.

additional notes
mostly for host applicants: drivers should read the note on insurance

sex of guests and hosts:

Since some 50% of our nightstoppers are under 18, we have to take note of child protection regulations and in any case have regard to the vulnerability of nightstoppers over that age.

National Nightstop, in common with other bodies offering accommodation, has laid it down that:

a single male host may accept only male nightstoppers;

a single female host is strongly recommended to accept only female nightstoppers;

male/female couples may accept either, so long as the male partner is not left alone with a female nightstopper.

Some couples wisely have a policy specifying that a male nightstopper may arrive only after the male host has come home.

property and home contents insurance

As stated in the introductory booklet, Nightstop does not undertake to pay for any loss or damage caused during the time of providing accommodation for a nightstopper beyond a token amount for minor losses. You are advised to inform your insurance company that you are taking part in a Nightstop scheme, **but if you decide not to do so**, we ask you to sign an indemnity such as the one below.

Driver applicants should inform their insurance company. We understand that this is a matter of form, and should not affect the premium.

In this application pack and during training much emphasis is rightly laid on security and the avoidance of "incidents". It is easy to lose sight of the fact that in practice the vast majority of nightstops are

Nightstop Accommodation Providers' Insurance Indemnity

I/We confirm that as an accommodation provider with Nightstop in Stockport I/we have been informed about property and home contents insurance.

I/We have decided **not** to notify my/our insurers about my/our involvement with the project. The consequence of my/our decision is that in the event of loss and/or damage to property and/or personal effects during the time of providing accommodation in my/our home, the risk will be borne by me/us and no claim can subsequently be made against Nightstop in Stockport in respect of this loss or damage.

In signing this form Nightstop in Stockport is indemnified by me/us against any claim in respect of loss or damage to property.

signed (1)..... name in block
letters

signed (2)..... name in block
letters

date.....

received on behalf of Nightstop in Stockport by (signed).....