

Supporting homeless individuals by providing material goods, emotional support, advice and in the future potentially even little homes...

A brief History of Share & Care:

1 year ago, the four of us were independently buying homeless people on the streets food as we were shocked by the magnitude of the problem. Soon after, when we were randomly goofing around, we came up with the idea of collecting food donations in the boarding houses and Share & Care was born to reduce food waste and help homeless people. We started telling the students about the project and started borrowing a shopping cart from Tesco's to deliver food and drink donations directly every weekend. We quickly met some people with incredible stories and the gratefulness we received left no doubt that we wanted to pursue this further. We wrote an article in the student magazine about the fates and inequality we had learned about and soon got a lot of positive feedback. We still cannot believe how much this project has grown and developed and how close to our hearts the people and the project itself are. We now have 5 new team members, a permanent partnership with a national charity and soon a German association; this is only

Measuring impact is very important to us

We keep a spreadsheet of every single item donated
 We ask individuals for feedback and suggestions
 We keep track of articles cooperation etc.
 On average we spend 8 hours a week working on the project

What we learned

Over the course of running Share & Care we have learnt many things about ourselves and the global issue of homelessness. By attending a lecture at Oxford University our team learned about the complexity of the issue; how there are many different factors that all contribute to poverty in different ways. In the process of doing this project we also learned that good intentions do not always result in efficient help and that it is crucial to measure the impact of a charity or aid organisation.

A Few Numbers...

WE ARE ADDRESSING 4 UN GOALS WITH OUR PROJECT



2,000+ ITEMS DONATED THIS TERM ONLY



ESTABLISHED A PERMANENT COOPERATION WITH CRISIS over REGULAR Food Donations & LECTURES in Schools

TALKED IN FRONT OF 300+ STUDENTS



30 BOXES

FILLED WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS DONATED ON CHRISTMAS

A LOT OF WALKING WITH SHOPPING CARTS

45 TRIPS TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD



The whole Team attended an oxford university lecture on homelessness
20 Articles on Homelessness read by our teammates

WE ARE GROWING!



5 LOVELY NEW TEAM MEMBERS AND MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE INVOLVED OVERALL

RAISING AWARENESS



2 ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Our team has

an infinite number of ideas and hopes for the future



It is important for people to view service as a process, it takes time and continuous effort to make a difference, but if you believe in a cause enough you can discover that many things are possible. We learned that we were not too insignificant to approach large corporations, such as the national charity Crisis, and that people with similar concerns and goals were almost always willing to help. Along this journey we also had the pleasure of meeting incredible people and learning about their life stories and all the knowledge they had acquired over their difficult years. To this day, so many people are misinformed and wrongly judge homeless people instead of making an effort to understand their complex and often devastating backstories; before we started this project we were some of them. That is why we have made it our mission to support these people in need and to reveal their stories to create a strong sense of humanity between people from all walks of life.

Some of the skills we acquired



Highlights

- Leaning in to hug a woman with a big smile on my face after seeing the fear of rejection and disgust in her eyes, and sharing a moment of wet eyes with her
- Reading the **20** inspiring applications by people who wanted to join our project
- Seeing our project and team develop over the course of **1** year as an organization, as well as us personally
- Establishing a permanent cooperation with a **NATIONAL** charity that seemed completely out of reach
- Launching our own website
- Collaborating with the Oxford University Student Coalition



The Future

We are currently in touch with a German team that is building small portable homes in Germany, and have already been reaching out to the city council to ensure all the legalities are taken care of. We plan to start this exciting new chapter as soon as we are able to return to England. It is absolutely amazing that a bunch of high school kids went from tackling symptoms of the problem; distributing food and offering advice, to tackling the problem itself; giving people a home. We are also waiting for responses from several other schools we want to expand the project to. Sustainability and that this project would not end as soon as we leave for university is very important to us, which is why we have made it a CAS at our school so that others can join and keep developing the project over the years. Our ultimate goal would be for Share & Care to become an NGO. It is a big goal but...

"The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do."- Steve Jobs