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Young People's Supported Lodgings

How to apply

Providing young people with
Accommodation and a step
into independent living.



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What is the Young People's Lodging Scheme?

The Young People's Supported Lodgings scheme is run by YMCA London South West across the Royal Borough of Kingston.

The project has been set up to give young people an affordable move on option.

The YMCA have a selection of 'hosts' who are looking to rent their spare room to a young person aged 16 to 25 in a secure and welcoming home. The rent on the room is £121.68 per week. This provides those working, studying or looking to return to work a more affordable living solution.

Supported Lodgings is a great opportunity to gain independence, but support is at hand from your host and the Supported Lodgings Co-ordinator if needed.

You will have your own bedroom and shared use of a kitchen and bathroom. You will be in charge of keeping your own room tidy, and doing your own cooking and washing

Whilst staying in Supported Lodgings, you will be hopefully looking to enrol or already be enrolled in education, training or employment.

To help you prepare for your new home, you will be offered £50 in vouchers as a start up fee to get any essential items needed to move. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a fresh and positive life change!

Why is this Scheme needed?

It is very difficult to find decent, affordable accommodation. The rental market is currently very high. The Royal Borough of Kingston is a desirable area to live with good links to London; it is attractive to commuters, which makes it hard for young people to compete with rent.

We also want to help young people who are trying hard to improve their circumstances. Once you are working or studying you need an affordable and quiet place to live.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a fresh and positive life change!

We also believe this scheme not only gives you accommodation but also gives you the chance to save for a deposit for when the time comes to live on your own.

How much choice will I have in where I am placed?

We will include you in the whole process when placing you in your move on accommodation.

When we have a suitable vacancy you will be taken out to see the property and view the room. The Host will be on hand to say 'hello', and answer any questions. You will then be able to say 'Yes' or 'No'.

How long will I stay in Supported Lodgings for?

The length of the placement will be flexible and dependent on the needs of both you and the hosts. The shortest period of stay is three months and the longest period is two years.

What can I expect from the Young People's Supported Lodgings?

- ▶ You will have your own room
- ▶ A safe and secure environment

- ▶ Use of facilities (washing machine, cooker, shower etc.)
- ▶ Support from the person/people you live with
- ▶ On-going support from the Supported Lodgings Co-ordinator

- ▶ Usage of the gym at YMCA Surbiton

- ▶ Affordable rent if you are working

How does Supported Lodgings work?

Just before you move in to your new home, you and the host/s you are living with will need to sit down (the Supported Lodgings Co-ordinator assists with this) and come to an agreement on how things will run whilst you are living there.

Topics you may need to discuss are

- ▶ House rules (what time friends have to leave, overnight guests)
- ▶ Boundaries - what's acceptable or unacceptable
- ▶ How to use the appliances
- ▶ What will be expected of you around the house (cleaning/ cooking etc.)

- ▶ Completion of a Licence Agreement

- ▶ Emergency contact details

What support will I receive?

Not only will you get the support from the person/people you are living with, you will also get on-going support from the Supported Lodgings Co-ordinator.

The Supported Lodgings Co-ordinator will be there to assist you with any concerns you have, make sure your needs are met and support you in any areas you are struggling with. They will have regular contact with you to see how you are doing and to arrange reviews.

How much will it cost?

Full rent is £121.68. This amount is split so you will pay your host £5 towards hot water and electricity and £116.68 to YMCA LSW. Depending on your circumstances you may be able to apply for housing benefit (full HB is £116.68). If you are paying the rent on the room, you will pay it as normal at the YMCA reception desk.

The process I will go through

1. If you are interested in living in Supported Lodgings, you will need to complete a referral form which you can ask your Support Worker or the Lodgings Co-ordinator for.

2. Once we receive your referral form we will look through it and see if we think you will be suitable for Supported Lodgings. If we accept your application we will invite you to complete an assessment and go over any life skills or support required.

3. If we have a vacancy that is suitable we will arrange to take you out to view the property and meet the host (if there are no available placements you will be placed on a waiting list).

4. If both you and the host are happy we will begin the move-in process.

This will give the opportunity to save for a deposit for when the time comes to live on your own

What if I am unhappy or want to complain or leave?

If you are unhappy about something you can either talk to the host/s you live with or the Supported Lodgings Co-ordinator and they will try their best to resolve the problem.

If you are still not happy and want to leave your placement, we will try and find somewhere else for you.

There are complaint forms for you to fill in if need be.

Equal Opportunities

The YMCA Supported Lodgings Scheme is an Equal Opportunity Scheme. We are committed to the active promotion of equal opportunity and aim to make sure everyone is treated equally and no one is discriminated against or treated unfairly.

We offer Supported Lodgings to young people regardless of their race, gender, faith or beliefs, sexuality or background.

We are committed to the active promotion of the equal opportunity scheme.

How to contact us:

Supported Lodgings Co-ordinator

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If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us on the above number.

Young People's Supported Lodgings

Registration Form

Name:

Date of birth:

Gender:

Address:

Post code:

Email address:

Daytime telephone number:

Evening telephone number:

Where did you hear about the Young People's Supported Lodgings?
e.g from a friend, local press, leaflet, etc?

Why do you want to apply for Supported Lodgings?

Signed:

Date:

Please return to:

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**We believe that every
young person should have
a safe place to stay**