

## I Can Help

I am enclosing my cheque/postal order for £ \_\_\_\_\_  
(please write in amount)

Please send me details of regular giving and Gift Aid

I particularly want to support your new office, worker and Help Line – please send me details about this project

Please send me details of how I can volunteer for evening or weekend work

Please send me details of how I can volunteer for daytime work

Please send me your monthly prayer letter and information on prayer meetings

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## Please Help Us

### Volunteers

Because our philosophy is “a lot of people doing a little bit each”, and because of the mobility of people in central London, we always need volunteers.

*To volunteer, please contact Philip Long by email - [philip.long@aslan.org.uk](mailto:philip.long@aslan.org.uk) - or by mail c/o All Souls Church, 2 All Souls Place, London W1B 3DA*

### Donors

We run on very tight budgets, and gifts are always gratefully received. Regular giving through the Gift Aid scheme is particularly helpful.

*For details of giving or regular giving, please contact John Williams by email - [john.williams@aslan.org.uk](mailto:john.williams@aslan.org.uk) - or by mail c/o All Souls Church, 2 All Souls Place, London W1B 3DA*

### Prayer Supporters

We are sustained by people who come to our monthly prayer meetings and/or receive our prayer letters. Also, Prayer Partners are a vital part of the Visiting Teams.

*For information on supporting us in prayer, please contact Katie Huggins by email – [katie.huggins@aslan.org.uk](mailto:katie.huggins@aslan.org.uk) - or by mail c/o All Souls Church, 2 All Souls Place, London W1B 3DA*

**All Souls Local Action Network (ASLAN) has charitable status under the auspices of the PCC of All Souls Church**



All Souls Local Action Network

## HELPING LONDON'S HOMELESS BY OFFERING

- **Food and Clothing**
- **Friendship and Advice**
- **Hope for the Future**

*Our Mission Statement:  
To manifest God's love to homeless people through our actions*

## The ASLAN Story

One cold Saturday morning before dawn in 1988, eight young people set out in a borrowed minibus to deliver hot tea and sandwiches to the hundreds of homeless people "sleeping rough" in the streets and parks of London's West End. They had felt the call to reach out to these despised and neglected individuals with a little warmth and kindness, and the message of hope in Jesus.

Those eight young people never suspected that sixteen years later their numbers would have swelled to some 250 volunteers, drawn from many London churches and denominations. Nor that the work would embrace helping The Passage Day Centre in Victoria to stay open on Saturday mornings, putting on social evenings every Saturday night at the All Souls Clubhouse, and acting as advocates and mentors to many rehoused people struggling to cope with the intricacies of "normal" life.

They would, however, have expected us to maintain a record of perfect reliability and to continue their example of pioneering initiatives, firmly grounded on the bedrock of careful research and expectant prayer.

Over the years, we have had the delight of seeing many of our "clients" rehoused, and worked with them through the pleasure and the pain of adjusting to "normal" life. Also, as the balance of London's homeless has shifted away from the street homeless to the hidden homeless, so too the balance of our work has shifted towards these other groups. We continue to explore new ways of meeting unsatisfied needs.

## How To Serve

Each individual is only on duty once a month, for a duty period of no more than 5 hours. If people apply as "general" volunteers, that allows us to assign them to the area of greatest need. However, if they have specific intentions, they can choose from:

- **Sandwich Making:** Takes place from 6.00 to 9.00 p.m. on Friday evening.
- **Tea Run:** Operates from 4.30 to 8.30 a.m. on Saturday morning.
- **Day Centre:** On duty from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday morning.
- **Social Evenings:** Happen from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m. on Saturday evening.
- **Visiting Scheme:** Each team of two meets a client from 7.00 to 9.00 pm every other Monday. We need people with experience in homelessness, mentoring, or counselling, and prayer partners to support them.
- **Daytime Volunteers:** Accompany our contacts to meetings with banks, social security offices, housing associations, solicitors, courts, etc., on an *ad hoc* basis.
- **Prayer Supporters:** We are sustained by people who come to our monthly prayer meetings and/or receive our prayer letters. Also, Prayer Partners are a vital part of the Visiting Teams.

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## How to Give

We have never resorted to emotional blackmail in order to elicit support, but if this exciting story is to continue to unfold, we do need support from many people in many different ways. We operate to tight budgets, which will become much tighter as we move to open our first office with our first paid worker. It will support our homeless and ex-homeless contacts with a Freephone helpline, provide advice and information for our volunteers, and act as a link point for our partner organisations.

If you would like to support us with a single gift or a regular donation, please fill in the relevant sections of the form overleaf, and return it to us at the address below. You can also give to us on the Internet by credit card or charity card – please visit our website – [www.aslan.org.uk](http://www.aslan.org.uk). Be assured that every pound you can spare will be put to good use providing a little happiness and a message of hope to some of the most unloved and unwanted people in our society.

Giving via Gift Aid is particularly helpful, as it increases the value of your contribution to us by 28% - at no cost to you! Gift Aid applies to single gifts of £30 or more, and regular payments of £10 a month or more. Our Gift Aid scheme is administered for us by a Christian charity (Stewardship Services). Please tick the relevant box on the form overleaf, and we will send you a Gift Aid form.

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