

# FAITH IN ACTION

## helping with homelessness

### **Merton Faith in Action (FiA) Homelessness Drop-In Centre**

Merton Faith in Action provides a day-time Drop-In Centre at the Salvation Army Citadel in Kingston Road every Wednesday and Friday of the year for people who are homeless or precariously housed.

FiA is a well-established and well-managed Project – 2014 marks its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Each year Merton Faith in Action:

- Prepares and serves over 7000 meals
- Runs over 600 laundry washes
- Provides over 3000 showers
- Distributes over 800 food parcels
- Gives out over 80 sleeping bags
- Supplies warm clothes including coats, jumpers and shoes.

Support for the Homeless in Merton is still needed. The Faith in Action Project provides a warm and safe environment each week for about 65 homeless and vulnerable people of whom about half come from Eastern Europe.

The Project's main purpose is to offer friendship and provide meals to those who come to the Drop-In. It also provides professional support and advice alongside a team of dedicated volunteers who cook meals and give companionship to all who need it. Many service users have complex problems relating to mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, and the professional project workers put them in touch with agencies that can help them.

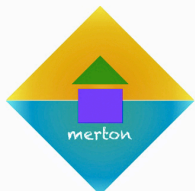
Those working at the Drop-In Centre also provide help with finding somewhere to live, job applications and benefit claims, and applying for passports.

Faith in Action works closely with the Winter Night Shelters, which provide places in Merton for 12 people between December and March.

It costs £7000 a month to keep the Drop-In Centre open twice a week, all year round. We urge you to support the Square Meal Appeal – £5 a month pays for two Square Meals each month.

Donations can be made via the websites:

[www.mertonfaithinaction.org](http://www.mertonfaithinaction.org) • [www.justgiving.com/faithinaction](http://www.justgiving.com/faithinaction)



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## SQUARE MEAL APPEAL

A monthly donation of £5 can provide  
two square meals for our service users

Title and Full Name .....

Full home address .....

..... Postcode .....

Telephone number ..... Email .....

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

**Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made:**

*Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.*

today ☐ in the past 4 years ☐ in the future ☐

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

***Please notify Faith in Action if you:***

- *Want to cancel this declaration*
- *Change your name or home address*
- *No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.*

*If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.*

☐ My donation of £ ..... is enclosed. | ☐ My standing order instruction is enclosed.

Signature ..... Date .....

### STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

To: (bank name and branch address) .....

Account name ..... Acc. no ..... Sort code .....

Please make payments as instructed to **HSBC**, 46 The Broadway, London W5 5JR for the credit of:

**Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project**

Account number **71819429** Sort code **40 02 26**

Payee reference (please give your initial and surname) .....

Date of first payment:..... | Amount of each payment £ ..... | Frequency (monthly/quarterly/annually)

Signature ..... Date .....

Name (print) .....

***Please return this form to The Treasurer Merton FiA at the address below or  
FaithInAction@wimbledonguild.co.uk • Thank you for your support.***

