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## **Homeless Drop-In Centre**



Salvation Army Citadel, Kingston Road, SW19

Friendship, meals, support, advice and help with moving on for the homeless and vulnerably housed, every Wednesday and Friday. Strong links with Winter Night Shelters.

***Please help. Support our work.***

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A friendly welcome for the homeless and vulnerably housed at the Salvation Army Citadel in Kingston Road SW19, with sessions every Wednesday and Friday of the year.

Help with finding somewhere to live, online job applications and benefit claims, and applying for passports.

The needs of the homeless and vulnerably housed are rising, and our costs are increasing.

We average 65 service users per session, and each year our work includes:

- A warm welcome for all service users
- Preparing and serving more than 7000 meals
- Providing more than 3000 showers
- Running 600+ laundry washes
- Assisting with 2440 computer sessions, including making online applications

We work closely with the Merton Winter Night Shelters, and most of their guests are referred from the Homeless Drop-In Centre.

**It costs £10,000 a month to keep the Homeless Drop-In Centre open twice a week, all year round.**

We employ professional staff for this demanding work, supported by enthusiastic volunteers. Staff salaries and premises hire are expensive.

Please **help**. **Support the 'Square Meal Appeal' every month**

- ✓ £5 pays for two Square Meals
- ✓ £10 pays for razors for two weeks to enable service users to shower and shave
- ✓ £17 pays the cost of one average service user's day at the Drop-In
- ✓ £30 pays for two new, warm sleeping bags which we give out to those rough sleeping
- ✓ £50 pays for a month's worth of the warm socks and underclothes our service users need
- ✓ £100 pays for all the food provided in a day for up to 80 people.

If you would like to help, please donate via these websites, or even better set up a Standing Order – see the form on the [mertonfaithinaction.org](http://mertonfaithinaction.org) website. Thank you.

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A warm welcome for all



# Merton Homeless Drop-In Centre lunch





Volunteer cooks prepare the meal, often using donated food



Service users greatly appreciate the chance of a shower and a shave, and to get their clothes washed



d toilet &  
change



Volunteers  
do hair-cuts



Service users select from second-hand clothes





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English lesson from a volunteer



Internet access is essential for online applications, and we help with this

