



SimonStar

Living and working with London's street homeless

Welcome to the new Simon Star! We are reviewing the Simon Star in the hope that it is easier to read, packed full of interesting articles and stays fresh but true to Simon's roots. We are intending to make changes and welcome feedback on any articles, ideas or comments. Please send comments to: info@simoncommunity.org.uk, phone or see page 9 for full contact details.



Community developments

In talking to some of our guests recently I was reminded that the community is one of the very few places that people on the streets can go to relax. Most services are keen to process people – to get them to complete forms, to talk about their problems, to risk-assess them, to engage with reconnection services.

The Simon Community provides a rare space for people to socialise or simply have a break from what is otherwise an unrelentingly stressful life. Clearly this is important and while funded services have targets to meet, we do not, and so we have the luxury of being able to provide what is an essential complementary service.

I have kept this in mind in encouraging the development of services which are intrinsically different and distinct from what other organisations offer but which have a vital part to play in meeting the complex needs of people on the street. The Simon Community never stands still and there have been some great developments recently.

Day centre:

We are moving the food production and hospitality sessions out of St Joe's and into a day centre in Islington which we will be renting from St Mungo's.

We intend to continue the same hospitality sessions and to prepare for the street cafes, soup and tea runs and street work from the new centre.

We are also keen to provide new services on other days including: English language lessons; health sessions (nurse, doctor, dentist, chiropodist, optician etc.); complementary therapies; entertainment (such as film screenings); advice sessions, exercise – many other activities will be possible.

Women's group:

Full and part time women volunteers have set up and are running a new group for homeless women in Westminster. This is being hosted by Queen Mary's hostel in Victoria. Initial meetings have been described as: "lovely" and "very relaxed", which is just what we are aiming at. This is a major achievement and I am extremely grateful to all the women concerned in getting this worthwhile project off the ground. There is good support from the Community for the women's group which is also exciting interest from a number of influential people. Apart from Vicki at the Queen Mary's hostel, it is supported by Steve Davis of nearby King George's hostel and by Victoria who runs the Female Rough Sleeper Forum. Encouragement has come lots of people including Duncan Shrubsole, Director of Policy and External Affairs at Crisis, Jeremy Swain, Chief Executive of Thames Reach and Mick Clarke, Chief Executive of The Passage. Very significantly, Janet Haddington, the Head of Rough Sleeping in Westminster Council has also been publicly very supportive of this development and this has enhanced our reputation considerably.

There is more information about the women's group in the next article and on the Simon Community website.

Shop & full time volunteers' flat:

Also in the pipeline is our plan to buy a very good shop and flat on Queen's Crescent just around the corner from 129. We have a small property reserve and members of the Community have been keen to invest in some bricks and mortar. This is a very rare opportunity to acquire a shop in a good position, very local and with, at present, two flats above it. We have been looking for some time for suitable premises to provide purposeful activity for Community members, additional accommodation, storage, investment and an income stream. This would seem to fit the bill.

Bob Baker, Director

Launching the women's group



Full time volunteer Karen Barker tells us about the new Community's women's group and her hopes for the future of the group

The Simon Community held its first Women's Group on Thursday, July 28th, and it has continued every Thursday since.

The idea of the women's group is to provide a safe, friendly environment for homeless women. Homeless women are obviously very vulnerable, and their relatively small numbers mean they often feel intimidated from engaging with male dominated homeless outreach services.

The idea for the women's group grew very organically, starting with a suggestion from Simon's Director, Bob Baker. Bob had been

George's hostel to discuss using the spare room, Anita and I were introduced to Vicki Hilder-Bailey, of Queen Mary's women's hostel in Victoria. Vicki generously suggested that the use of a room at Queen Mary's might be more appropriate, as it would be an all-female environment. The space was perfect for the group that Anita and I had in mind, so the women's group was on its way.

The women's group meets for two hours, and the schedule is always the same. The group cooks and eats a meal that was suggested by a member the previous week. After dinner we may do an activity depending on what the group wants. Last week we made fortune cookies, and some members of the group are quite keen to try Zumba (dance aerobics) in the future. Once the group is more

established, we plan to take occasional field trips to museums, concerts and the cinema.

The long-term goal of the women's group is to facilitate relationships which can provide comfort and help to homeless women, and to help them gain access to services other homeless groups may not provide, such as women's health information.

My favourite aspect of the group so far has been that because we all cook, eat and clean up together, the distinction between 'service user' and 'volunteer' or 'service provider' is not

made; we are all just women.

Although the Women's Group is only attended by women, it has very much been a community undertaking. Without the support of all the men in the Community, especially the guidance of Bob, and Phil Hole, our Service Coordinator, the Women's Group would have never been able to get off the ground. We sincerely hope the Women's Group will grow and thrive for years to come, for the enjoyment and comfort of all the women in the Simon Community.

Karen Barker, full time volunteer



Anita Lambton, co-founder of the women's group enjoying the soup run

speaking to Steve Davies at King George's Hostel, who had offered the use of one of their spare activity rooms to the Simon Community. Excited by the possibilities, Bob suggested that the space could be used for several different things, one of which was a group for women. Anita Lambton, a full time volunteer who was with the Community from February to August of this year, was very taken with the idea, and took it upon herself to spear-head the project. I also quickly became excited by the idea.

During a meeting with Steve Davies at King

Africa calling



Sadly Dave Clark, former Trustee is leaving the Community to go live and work in Africa. Dave has been an asset to the Community and has been an excellent fundraiser, campaigner, Trustee and friend to the Community and will be greatly missed.

In September, I'll be leaving London behind and heading to Mozambique with my wife to work in the centre of the country with a HIV and AIDS charity. This has been an ambition of ours for years and we're really looking forward to it.

The job will have its challenges, but I know my years in and around Simon will have prepared me well! I'll be working on fundraising with a group of

staff and volunteers, so I will be drawing on the experience of the many Simon fundraising events I helped out with over the years. I'll also be writing reports about the projects and the issues people are facing. I'm sure my experience rallying against Westminster Council might help me here!

The Community is in a strong place now and continues to move closer to the ideals of our mission to live and work with London's street homeless. I'm certain I'll take a little piece of the Community with me and I will definitely stay in touch. I'll miss great friends, good company and the genuine love of the Community.

Dave Clark, Trustee

News from the Frontline



Services Coordinator, Philip Hole updates us on what's going on in the Community

Due to the change of weather we are seeing an increase in guests at hospitality which is putting a strain on the residents living at St. Joe's. As Bob outlined in his 'Developments' article, we are really looking forward to starting the day centre so that St. Joe's can become purely residential and the residents can enjoy a more relaxed living environment. We're also seeing more guests at soup runs; in fact we ran out of soup at last week's soup run. This could be due to a number of reasons including the Government cuts and new bus routes from Romania to London which explains why we are seeing more Eastern European guests at our outreach services. However the new soup run schedule will give us the ability to serve the increase in numbers and spend more time assessing people's needs on the streets. In terms of food, I have met with the owner of Budgens in North London and secured a deal to collect their end of day food which is fantastic news and a relief, since the loss of food donations from Marks and Spencer's. All the residents are doing well but sadly we said good



Philip Hole, Services Coordinator

bye to two amazing volunteers, Anita and Stuart. Anita went back to Canada to start her degree and Stuart has started a job in social work in London. However, looking forward we are happy to welcome Barbara into the Simon Community and hopefully some more full time volunteers in the near future.

Phil Hole, Services Coordinator

Friends for life



Considerable progress has been made on the plan to bring together the various organisations which have sprung from the Simon Community over the years to form a Federation. Chief Executive Tracey Dann of the London Cyrenians tells the Simon Community about the new Federation.

Magic was in the air on the cusp of Halloween weekend 2010. I flew up the hill to Malden Road to meet the wonderful MT, who I had read about, spoken to and now prepared to meet.

I had long harboured the thought that the Simon Community and Cyrenians (Petrus and Centrepoint) could make a powerful force for good if we could find a way of harnessing our energies together.

So over a brew in Camden, MT and I talked about working together more closely and crystal gazed to possible futures. We undertook to write to all other Simon Community and Cyrenian groups across the UK and Ireland. Many were in their 40th or 50th year, a great time to celebrate collective histories. We wanted to explore the mutual benefit of working closer together. Letters, phone calls, visits and emails flew about throughout the winter and it appeared that there was interest in a progressive federation which could deliver common services to homeless people while supporting each other and enabling autonomy to be maintained.

Our first meeting was on 22nd of March 2011 and produced a spark of magic and all recognised the benefits. For example, working together will allow us to form a stable base to respond to the needs of others. Additionally, the truly amazing and innovative work offered by each of the groups will cross fertilise and enrich all of our practices. In particular we can share resources and knowledge on various areas such as training programmes and respite services. Another major benefit of the Federation will be that we can centralise resources such as Human Resources and finance which will save lots of money and time. The Federation will be able to reduce costs for lots of resources and provide a central expert to manage the various resources. As we are all being pressured to make

savings due to the current economic climate, the Federation offers a way to achieve a reduction in infrastructure costs without diminishing our existing services. Ironically and luckily for us the political climate appears to support collaborative working between groups with a similar ethos.

The next steps

Since the spring we have worked on an agreed set of Articles and are now able to progress the registration of the Federation of Simon and Cyrenians as a charity which will provide HR, Financial, IT and backroom support to all the groups that have registered interest.

So with massive thanks to MT, Bob and Rubina Bokhari, Director of Bradford Cyrenians. We have created a Federation that we hope will be powerful, long lasting and better able to meet the aspirations and hopes of our organisations and the people we work with.

Tracey Dann, Chief Executive of London Cyrenians

You're Invited

The Community would like to invite you to the **Community Day on October 8th 2011** in London. This day invites all Community members, past and present to come and reflect on the last year and plan for the future. This will include our 50th birthday, fundraising, campaigning, achievements and future plans amongst other things. This is a great opportunity for people to get involved and shape the future of our Community so please do get in touch with Rosie in the office if you are interested who will get in touch closer to the time with the venue information and agenda. Also look on the website for updates closer to the time.

New addition to the Community



New Administrator,
Rosie Rogers

Rosie, 25 from Romsey Hampshire, joined the Simon Community in June as the administrator. Here she describes why working for the Simon Community is her ideal job.

When I first heard of the Simon Community I was immediately drawn to it and excited by its unique approach-

ing principles. My younger brother was born with severe autism and therefore has a mental age of just two. So I have grown up understanding the importance of acceptance, love and respect for all no matter their ability or background. While growing up, there were very few services for someone like my brother let alone support for my family. In response to this, my mother and I had to take matters into our own hands and set up a charity for disabled children in our area to try and get the help that we needed. So after learning about the philosophy of the Community and how it provides services for people where there are gaps in services, I knew this was the place for me!

I am very passionate about social justice, community development and volunteering. After University, I went to work in the Ivory Coast and India to fight for the rights of people who had none. I worked with migrants, women and children and people displaced by mining companies. I have volunteered since I was 14 and ran three voluntary projects at my University so I understand the value of Simon's excellent volunteers and enjoy working with them all in my new role. I have also been volunteering at the Community's new women's group on a Thursday, which has been a wonderful and rewarding experience so far.

After working in India and Africa, and for the World Development Movement, an anti poverty campaigning group in London, it feels great to be working for Simon and giving back to the community locally. In my spare time I'm involved in anti-cuts campaigning in Brixton where I live and enjoy reading, cycling and attempting to learn other languages.

Its been great working for the Simon Community and it's a great feeling to wake up and look forward to work! I'm looking forward to developing with the Community and am excited about helping to facilitate the Community's new developments while staying true to its foundations and beliefs.

Rosie Rogers, Administrator

Simon in the news



Bob Baker the Simon Community's Director has once again been in the media spotlight with a letter to the editor, which appeared in the Guardian on the 28th June and featured in an article by Dave Hill about Boris Johnson's plans to end street homelessness by 2012.

The letter to the Editor outlines updates on the Westminster bylaw to soup runs and a new campaign that was launched by SQUASH in May this year that is fighting the Government's attempts to outlaw squatting (See page 6 for more information). You can read the article on our website in the 'News' section www.simoncommunity.org.uk

Campaigning News



Bob Baker updates us on the exciting campaigns that the Community is leading.

Campaigning is a very important part of my role and there have been some significant threats for the Simon Community to campaign against in recent months. Campaigning presents a very good opportunity for networking and raising the profile of the Community. It is also important to remember that such political action has always been a crucial part of the life of the Simon Community.

Westminster

Earlier in the year there were proposals from Westminster Council to outlaw sleeping outside and the free distribution of food in parts of Victoria. The Simon Community united with other members of the Soup Run Forum to set up a campaign group which focussed on action in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

A campaign including demonstrations, flash mobs, petitions and letter writing supported by social media Facebook and Twitter was successful in defeating the first proposal to outlaw sleeping rough in Victoria.

The campaign against the second part of the proposed bylaw – to outlaw the free distribution of food has been more complicated.

I was elected by the Soup Run Forum to represent them in negotiations with the council to re-route soup runs away from the very crowded cathedral piazza in Westminster to prevent them from passing the bylaw.

The Community discussed whether it would be best to move to another site in Westminster or to drop this one venue and concentrate on spending more time at the three other venues on the run. It was decided that we should cut down to three stops with a view to spending more time at fewer venues as this would give more opportunity to talk to people.

We are keen to improve the quality of the work we do – not the quantity of food distributed, and we think that this will be a very positive move in that direction.

This has received a very positive response from the local residents and from Westminster City Council

who are now minded to abandon their plans for the bylaw and it has presented us with an opportunity to improve the quality of the work we do. So this campaign has been quite a success.

Squatting

The Community has also been active in the campaign against the coalition government's plan to criminalise squatting by attending meetings at the House of Commons organised by SQUASH – the Squatters Action for Secure Homes which were chaired by the Labour MP John McDonnell.



Front cover of SQUASH's parliamentary briefing on the campaign

<http://www.squashcampaign.org/resources/>

The government's consultation paper was published on 13th July and I would encourage anyone concerned about the issue to respond to this and to disseminate the paper as widely as possible. The campaign group intends to build a wide coalition to oppose the legislation which, if enacted would increase homelessness and seriously restrict people's democratic rights to occupation as a form of protest. It would also put enormous power in the hands of unscrupulous landlords and property speculators.

Looking back and moving forward



This is a new feature where we look at old copies of the Simon Star to compare how things have changed and how some things haven't. In this article we are featuring a Simon Star from June 1970. The newsletter addresses interesting aspects of the Community and the wider world including the latest campaigning news, profiles of Community members. There is even an article about how Community members did a 24 hour fast to mark the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima! Interestingly, there is also a picture of St.Joe's from 1970 to see how things have changed; we have included a picture of the new garden at 129 which has been enjoyed by many.



The new garden at St. Joe's

ST. JOSEPH'S CENTRE

INCREASING demands for holding facilities for clients using Simon's Emergency Accommodation and Care Service at Simon House and Centre-point have created problems.



New Recruits



As Simon is expanding, we are on the hunt for some new recruits including part time volunteers, full time volunteers, fundraisers and Trustees. We are in need of drivers and interpreters to help us support our Romanian and other Eastern European guests in particular. We are also keen for more female volunteers to join the Community, especially to volunteer with our new women's group. The most important thing is enthusiasm, commitment and

dedication to Simon's philosophy of love, care and acceptance.

If you are interested in any of these roles or know someone who may be interested please check the website at:

***www.simoncommunity.org.uk
or email info@simoncommunity.org.uk
or phone the office on 020 7485 6639***

We are especially looking to recruit new Trustees with a variety of skills for example in fundraising. Please contact the office for more details.

Simon Soup!



Volunteer Chef Stuart finally reveals what's in the Simon Soup which feeds about 150 people a night.

- ***2 lbs of potatoes***
- ***3 cabbages***
- ***4 leeks***
- ***3lb carrots***
- ***2 cauliflower***
- ***1 lb red onion***
- ***2 heaps vegetarian gravy granules***
- ***12 vegetarian stock cubes***
- ***Salt pepper, paprika and mixed herbs***

All bought locally from Queens Crescent market in Kentish Town!

Q&A

This edition of Q&A focuses on one of the Community's proudest services, Hospitality. During hospitality, the Community opens its doors at 129 Malden Road three days a week from 11am until 3pm. During this time guests can have a shower, a healthy hot meal, use

the internet and enjoy the garden in a supportive, calm and friendly environment. Simon volunteers are on hand to lend an ear, help out with benefits claims and a host of other things. We asked a guest at 129 to answer a few questions for us about hospitality.

Q) How did you find out about Hospitality at 129 Malden Road?

A) The pavement magazine and word of mouth

Q) What does it mean to you to be able to come there?

A) Somewhere to relax, read the paper and have nice conversations with good friendly people

Q) Have you made any friends?

A) Yes a few

Q) What does hospitality have that other places do not?

A) The computers are good and not many places provide them.

Q) If a fellow homeless person was considering going to hospitality would you recommend it?

A) Yes definitely

Q) Can you describe a typical afternoon from when you go through the door at 129?

A) Fun and a good place to read the paper, chat and have food

Q) If you could suggest any improvements in making hospitality better what would they be?

A) More days open Monday to Friday

Q) What makes the services at the SC different to other homeless charities?

A) It's a relaxing calm environment and not around people with drug or alcohol problems



Stewart Lee helped raise money for the Simon Community with a side splitting comedy gig

Top comic Stewart Lee helped raise over £1000 alongside other acts comedy when he performed for the evening at the Grand Union bar, Highgate in June. The gig sold out with over 80 people turning up to watch the left-wing comedian who took time out of his hectic schedule to run through new material in a 20 minute set. Lee, was joined by Lou Sanders, Eric Lampaert, Sara Pascoe, comedy band 'Rayguns Are Not Real Enough' and newcomer Elizabeth Hotson. Lloyd Griffin also gave up his time for free to MC for a night of hilarity.

Known for his charity work Mr Lee revealed on the night he performed around a whopping 50 free gigs a year. Trying out new material for his Edinburgh show, he performed a set, sometimes strumming a guitar and cracking jokes covering subjects from Osama Bin Laden to Russell Brand.

Many volunteers from SC also helped on the night including Ian, Gary, Andy, Karen, Anita and Tom.

The night was organised by Shannon Kyle, who is doing a charity fundraising trek for Simon Community in October. The money raised is going towards sponsorship, which stands at almost £2300. Shannon said: 'It was a night to remember, and the whole room was full of laughter for over two hours. I cannot thank all the comedians enough for giving up their time for free. The SC volunteers were also brilliant, making sure it ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.'

If you would still like to sponsor Shannon please donate to: www.justgiving.com/shannon-kyle

This is an excerpt from the Islington Gazette 16/06/2011

Shopping for a name

You may have read in the Developments article on page one that we are hoping to buy a shop! We are now on the hunt for a name for the shop. If you have any ideas for names we would love to hear them. Please send ideas to The Simon Community P.O. Box 1187, London, NW5 4HW or email them to: info@simoncommunity.org.uk. Looking forward to some inspiring names!

A tribute to Joe Mathews, community resident and friend to all



I remember Joe Mathews. He is standing at the front door of '129', heavily dressed, with a massive blue overcoat down to his knees, a wispy white beard, soft watery blue eyes and a smile. It is early in the morning, and Joe is about to head off into town on the bus to see his friends, and enjoy being outside. "Morning, Joe", we all say. "Morning, morning" he replies and grins. Before he leaves the house he brings a volunteer a cup of tea. "Alright, dear," he says. "I'm off now."

Joe was a private man; no fuss, no bother. Considering the warmth and trust that existed between Joe and the Community, what we know about him is surprisingly little. Joe was born on the 26th May 1935 in Fazakerley, Liverpool. He joined the Merchant Navy at an early age, and travelled the world. Joe enjoyed his time abroad, but he always spoke most fondly of England. His links to the sea sometimes continued in musical form with a tuneful rendition of "Rule Britannia".

The Simon Community first met Joe at the beginning of the 1980s when he was sleeping rough in London. Friends of the Community remember sleeping out with Joe at the back of the old Shell Mex building in Savoy Place, and at the Bullring in Waterloo. These were the two biggest homeless communities in London, and I imagine Joe would have got along just fine in this unpredictable envi-

ronment remaining respectful, friendly and self-contained.

Joe eventually moved into St. Joseph's House during the winter of 2006, but when the weather warmed up and spring arrived, Joe was off again back to the streets. He was in and out of hostels, always keen to move on, never quite finding where he belonged. The following winter Joe blessed us all with his presence again, staying with the Community during Christmas. And this time he stayed for good.

When it comes to talking about Joe's character, there is unanimous agreement from all who knew him that he was a warm and kind-hearted soul. In line with the founding principles of the Community, Joe showed respect and acceptance for all of the people he met on the simple condition that they accepted him.

Our beloved Joe died on 9th June 2011. After a thorough search we have found Joe's brother. However Joe was always a big part of our family, the Simon family, and at his funeral in early August many of its members gathered to remember and celebrate his life. So long Joe! Happy sailing!

Steve Barnes, Trustee

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Updating Simon star

There are lots of great features that

used to appear in the Simon Star that we are thinking of reviving including book reviews, art reviews, relevant news pieces and profiles of Simon supporters. If you are interested in contributing to the Simon Star or for example want to review a great book you have read, please get in touch with Rosie at: The Simon Community P.O. Box 1187, London, NW5 4HW or email them to: info@simoncommunity.org.uk

Urgent Appeal

We are appealing for financial support to continue our great work supporting homeless people.

In this appeal we are asking Simon supporters to do two things, firstly to donate to the Simon Community and secondly, please circulate this appeal to friends and family to widen the community and generate more funds that will allow to continue our vital work.

Our approach

The Simon Community, founded in 1963 is uniquely based on the founding principles of acceptance, love and support for those who have been rejected by other services. Based on these principles, the Community does not just provide people with somewhere to sleep, but caring environments for homeless people to develop long lasting relationships. The Community does not accept money from the government which means that we are not bound by government targets and outcomes. Instead we develop the Community to meet people's needs and put their needs first which a unique approach to serving the Community. The Simon Community is proud of its unique approach and committed to continuing to provide love, help and support for homeless people

New developments

To develop the Community on the basis of people's needs, the Community is expanding and developing vital services for homeless people including a day centre and a new women's group. The women's group is run by women and for women and provides a safe place for women to cook meals, eat together, relax and enjoy a variety of activities.

Our appeal

In this very difficult economic climate with the knock on effect of other homeless charities losing government funding, the Simon Community is having to accommodate the needs of many more people. The Community is struggling financially and with this appeal we hope new and current supporters will help us to be more financially stable in the long term by giving regular donations.

What you can do

The Community is dependent on the kindness of others for financial support.

What you can do:

- Donate now online at www.simoncommunity.org.uk
- Send a cheque to the Simon Community P.O. Box 1187, London, NW5 4HS
- Increase the value of your donation by 25% with Gift Aid (see next page)
- Join our mailing list and receive quarterly updates on the Community
- Send this appeal to your friends and family and ask them to do the same

Thank you, **Bob Baker**, *Director*

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We would like to thank Tracey and Dave for their articles. Special thanks to Shannon for her ongoing help, Cynthia for all her hard work on the garden.

We would also like to thank Andrew Thorton from Budgens and the Flourish Bakers for their kind donations.

Although times have changed since the Community was thanking people for donations of goats, we really do appreciate the kindness that is shown to the community.

Photo: A Thank you letter in the Simon Star from 1970.

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The Simon Community
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London, NW5 4HW

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