

Application Pack

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**About Emmaus**

At Emmaus Village Carlton, formerly homeless people find a place where they can enjoy companionship and support. Each person has their own room whilst living in the community. When a companion wants to move on, he or she will be assisted to find accommodation and work.

**We offer work**

All companions (residents) work full time and there is work for everyone. The shops and bistro provide a commercial setting where skills can be learned in a friendly atmosphere.

**We offer a new beginning**

Emmaus offers homeless people a fresh start in life with the support of the community around them. They can stay as long as they wish and are offered opportunities to acquire skills. When a companion wants to move on, he or she will be assisted to find accommodation and work.

**Emmaus in the world**

Emmaus isn’t just in the UK, in fact it originally started in France in the 1940s. Since then Emmaus has grown into an international movement with more than 300 groups based in 36 countries across the world. Emmaus started in France shortly after the Second World War, when homelessness was a big issue.

The first Emmaus community was founded in Paris, in 1949, by Father Henri-Antoine Grouès, better known as Abbé Pierre. He was an MP, Catholic priest and former member of the French Resistance who fought to provide homes for those who lived on the streets of Paris. One night, a man called Georges was brought to Abbé Pierre after a failed suicide attempt. Georges had been released after 20 years in prison, only to find his family unable to cope with his return home, leaving him with nowhere to go. He turned to the Abbé for help, but instead Abbé Pierre asked Georges to help him, building houses for the homeless mothers who came looking for his support.

Georges became the first Emmaus companion, living with Abbé Pierre and helping him to build temporary homes for those in need, first in the priest's own garden, then wherever land could be bought or scrounged. He later said:

Whatever else he might have given me - money, home, somewhere to work - I'd have still tried to kill myself again. What I was missing, and what he offered, was something to live for." Georges - the first Emmaus companion

**How it works**

There are currently 29 Emmaus communities across the UK, providing a home and meaningful work to more than 750 formerly homeless people. In addition to this, there are four emerging groups, working hard to establish new communities. Together, we are working towards a target of being able to offer 1,000 companion places by 2020.

Social enterprise is central to the Emmaus model as it provides meaningful work for companions but also generates funding to maintain communities. Companions living in Emmaus communities are expected to sign off all benefits, with the exception of housing benefit, which is used to help to support the community. The rest of the funding that is needed is generated through social enterprise and fundraising.

Emmaus communities deliver a significant return on investment. Research shows that for every £1 invested in a community, there is an £11 return, with savings to the benefits bill, health services and a reduction in crime reoffending.

Solidarity, helping others less fortunate than yourself, is central to the Emmaus way of life. Everyone at Emmaus, including companions, staff, trustees and volunteers is encouraged to carry out acts of solidarity to support people who need it most.

For companions in particular, this has a huge impact on their confidence and self-worth, showing them that they *can* make a difference to someone else’s life and add value to the lives of people around them.

**Our impact**

Emmaus doesn’t only have a significant impact on the lives of people who have experienced homelessness and social exclusion, it also brings wider social and economic benefits.

Research carried out in 2012 found that for every £1 invested in an established Emmaus community, £11 is generated in social, environmental and economic returns.

The benefits included:

* Keeping people out of hospital, and helping them to be safe and well, saved the Department of Heath £1,478,506 for NHS and emergency service costs;
* Emmaus saved local government £2,447,612 which would have been spent on hostel accommodation, drug and alcohol services and landfill;
* Keeping people in work and out of prison saved the Ministry of Justice £778,435.

The report found that Emmaus communities successfully provide a place for people in vulnerable housing situations to rebuild their lives by offering them meaningful work and support. Significant benefits were linked to substantial improvements in companions’ physical and mental health, including reductions in substance misuse.

**Terms of employment**

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| **Pension:** | An auto enrolment pension arrangement whereby the employer contributes 5% and employees 3% |
| **Holidays:** | 23 days per year plus Bank holidays (pro rata) |
| **Training and development:**  | Individually tailored induction, training and development  |
| **Employee Assistance:** | 24/7 employee assistance scheme is available |

**Working Conditions**

Emmaus Village Carlton runs its business operations seven days a week and provides 24 hour,

7-day/week support to the Community. Days and hours of work will be agreed with the Operations Manager as appropriate.

Emmaus works with vulnerable people. Staff and volunteers must observe the proper demarcation and professional boundaries while performing their role. All roles within Emmaus Village Carlton are subject to enhanced DBS checks.

All staff must always act in a way which will maintain the good reputation of Emmaus Village Carlton, upholding the policies and procedures of Emmaus and striving to preserve good working relationships with Staff, Volunteers, Companions and Trustees. All staff are obligated to keep the appropriate and key personnel well informed of significant matters relating to the Community.

In Emmaus, volunteers are an important resource and make a vital contribution to Emmaus’ aim to take action to help disadvantaged people. Emmaus therefore encourages, develops and supports volunteer involvement in its work.

We expect you to carry out your job responsibilities in an environmentally aware manner. Our aim is to ensure all resources are utilised effectively and efficiently. You will be expected to apply sound ‘value for money’ principles in undertaking purchasing or supply of goods and services.

**Physical Requirements**

Emmaus Village Carlton is currently based on one single 6 hectare site. There are three trading buildings open to the public, an ‘Under 1 Roof’ building for reception and sorting of donated goods, a waste recycling area, offices, gardens and grounds, playing fields, three residential houses for beneficiaries, and staff accommodation

**Application process**

To apply please send your cv to: -

Catering to Simon Horrocks, Catering Manager at simonhorrocks@emmausvc.org

Retail to Barbara Fitzgerald, Retail Manager at barbarafitzgerald@emmausvc.org

Warehouse to Steve Scott, Reuse & Recycle Manager at stevenscott@emmausvc.org

Deadline for applications is Friday 7th June 2024.

Find out more about Emmaus Village Carlton by visiting <https://www.emmaus.org.uk/village_carlton>

***We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age***

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