

Working Together

Bristol Homeless Forum met on Thursday 31 August to meet and understand each other with a general aim of finding ways to work better together.

Bristol Homeless Forum currently has over 80 subscribers representing about 40 different organisations working with homeless people across Bristol.

At this event we had 20 attendees representing about 12 of these organisations, including several who are not yet members of the forum and some who had not been to a network meeting before

As well as a lot of good networking – several organisations who distribute food were able to share experiences with each other for the first time – there were 3 ‘activity areas’ to join in with as well as the main event : Bristol Homeless Connect (see below).

The three ‘activity areas’ were

- TB awareness; discussions with Bristol Community Health
- Feeding the Homeless; discussions about gaps in provision and ways to work together
- Homelessness Awareness Week (running from 24th Feb 2018 to 3rd March); starting to gather ideas for themes for the week.

Bristol Homeless Connect is the name of the website under development by Modular in a project being led by Ben Richardson, Caring in Bristol, on behalf of the Rough Sleeper Partnership Communications Group.

Ben, together with Will from Modular, presented the project, fielded many questions and answers and then worked with some of those present to start collecting their organisations input.

This website is intended to complement the Survival Handbook and be a means of collecting much of the information that would go into the next printed version. But it is also more than that with the mission to

Help everyone in Bristol access the right support and information about homelessness; allowing those in need to get help and those who want to help, make a difference.

and the Home Page will present users with 3 simple options

- I'm homeless and I want help
- I want to help
- I want to find out more

All of us are encouraged to start entering our data now using the following link

<https://goo.gl/forms/YBpGaN7n2jxnmiP52>

& if you need help with this I'm assured the team at Caring in Bristol are very happy to be contacted by phone on 0117 924 4444. Or you can email Ben on ben.richardson@caringinbristol.org.uk