






We need your help

South Tyneside Churches' KEY Project is committed to making sure that all young people in need get the help and support they require, so that they can make the successful transition from youth to adulthood.

We cannot do this by ourselves.

You can help by:

-  Supporting us with your prayers
-  Collecting goods for Support Packs
-  Supporting our work financially
-  Inviting someone from KEY to speak to your congregation or community group
-  Inviting us to speak at Assemblies in schools, e.g. Harvest Festivals
-  Finding out about who is homeless in your community
-  Establishing a project in your church or community involving young people in need and support. KEY can advise

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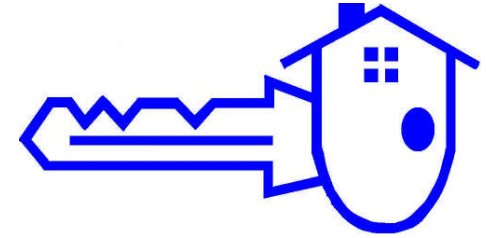
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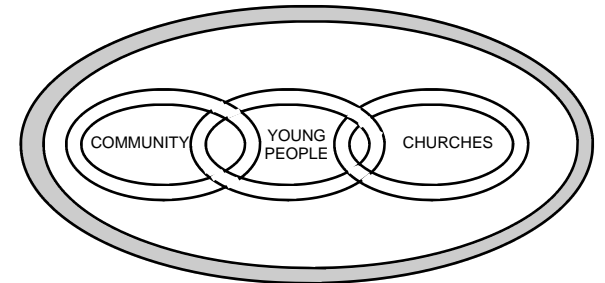
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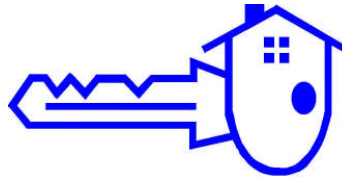
Assist young people, aged 16 to 25, who are in difficulties and without family support, to live independent and successful lives.

We do this by:

-  Raising awareness about homelessness
-  Giving practical support to vulnerable young people in their properties
-  Offering help with benefits advice, Community Care Grant applications and appeals
-  Enabling young people gain practical skills, confidence and self-esteem
-  Providing a Mediation service to young people and their parents/guardians
-  Providing a Mentor to provide support to young people
-  Providing Starter packs of basic goods, tinned foods, toiletries etc
-  Assisting in distribution of donated furniture
-  Running a small grant bursary scheme to enable excluded young people to take up training and educational opportunities

Did you know?

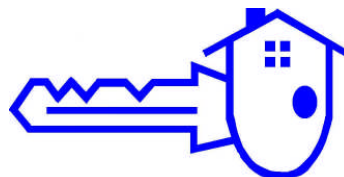
Being homeless affects every aspect of life, including your health, educational achievement, prospects of employment and excludes people from many activities the majority take for granted.



Figures for Homelessness from the local authority show a gradual decrease in applications and those who are accepted.

Year	Applications	Acceptances
2004/5	992	573
2005/6	640	286
2006/7	599	294

This gradual decrease is to be applauded but it still means a lot of people are homeless.



It is estimated that the number of young people in need of support services is now in excess of 250.

Why young people become homeless

There are many reasons for young people becoming homeless. These could include:

-  Parents no longer willing or able to accommodate them
-  Fleeing violence or abuse
-  Poverty
-  Unemployment
-  Relationship breakdown
-  Termination of tenancy
-  Drug/substance abuse
-  Mental illness
-  Lack of adequate advice and support

