

Transcription News from TP Transcription Limited and University Transcriptions – May 2025

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TP Transcription & University Transcriptions Charity Donation - £750 to Off The Streets, Southend



Every year, TP Transcription Limited donates 10% of net profits to charity via the Ten Percent Foundation . This year our donations included £750 to Off the Streets.

Off the Streets is a grassroots group of local residents who wanted to do something about the number of rough sleepers in Southend. In 2018 Southend was the 8th highest town in the UK for the number of rough sleepers. Coastal towns have always attracted rough sleepers and Southend is no different.

We sent our graduate trainee, Mehak Gupta, to have a look around their new shelter in December 2024 with Del Thomas from the charity.

Off the Streets started in September 2018 and in the two years it was open helped 119 rough sleepers find permanent accommodation. The night shelter used to run from a shopfront, slept 5 people per night and the charity worked hard to educate each person in a bespoke way to help them 'off the streets.' They work using a strength-based approach, pulling alongside rough sleepers – educating and helping them to achieve their goals. The average length of stay was 21 nights.

In 2019, Off The Streets was awarded the Excellence Standard in the Housing Justice kitemark which is the highest possible to achieve. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the night shelter had to close.

Off the Streets has recently secured the funding to buy a 7-bed seaside hotel which will become an enhanced night shelter for up to 9 people at any one time – each staying for an initial 28 days. They will accept couples and the ground floor bedroom has been adapted to enable its use by disabled people.

Del said: "Our main objective is to get rough sleepers off the streets and into our night shelter. Once there, they stay for up to 28 days (as long as they are engaging with our processes and have no other place to go) and the main aim is to get them into permanent accommodation. Former residents come from all walks of life, teachers, divorced parents, ex-offenders, ex-Armed Forces personnel, people who have lost income due to financial difficulties or job loss or the pandemic, those suffering mental illness, long term rough sleepers. Off The Streets gives them back a sense of dignity and belonging providing education/support to achieve their aims and overcome the challenges before them one step at a time."

Off the Streets also follows up to support the guests while they adapt to a permanent home, which for some can be very challenging. The new enhanced night shelter will support an estimated 176 rough sleepers every year to move from the streets into permanent accommodation. This includes couples (rarely catered for) and disabled homeless people (very rarely catered for).

We recently partnered with a local housing provider (HARP) to run a temporary shelter from December to March. We had 100 rough sleepers stay at different points throughout those months and housed 50 of them. 'Can you help me get a mortgage?' This was a question we were asked a couple of weeks ago by an ex-guest who stayed with us 4 years ago. I first

met him on the streets 13 years ago and 6 years ago he was in floods of tears saying he couldn't imagine himself being housed as he was too used to being on the street. I was worried he would die on the street as he had a few bleeds on the brain and he was told by a doctor that if he bumped his head once more, he would likely die. He was a 6ft 2 man who was sleeping in a disabled toilet! He became one of our guests and as well as accommodation we helped him get a job. Over the past 4 years he has got promotion after promotion (he can speak 8 languages!) and is now in a position to get a mortgage.

The majority of our funding comes in from grants but we have an amazing group of people who donate between £5 and £100 monthly and these people are our absolute lifeline and we are always truly grateful to them. The biggest challenge we have faced so far is the fact that the builders we used went into liquidation. This meant that extra time has sadly been added to the build time. This was a massive frustration for us and so we are partnering with a local church to open a temporary night shelter until the building works have finished.

We have a board of trustees which oversee a lot of the work. It is very hands on at the moment but this will change once we open. We have 4 sub working groups from that board – Building, Fundraising, Operational Matters and Policy writing. We did also have a comms and marketing sub working group but trustees had too much to do and so this closed down.

Leading the Operational sub working group is our Shelter Manager and although just trustees at the moment, will feature shift managers as well. We will have a shift manager every night and they will then have volunteers working alongside them. We will also have concierge services overnight.

Our charity has 2 paid employees- the shelter manager and charity development officer and around 45 volunteers. In the next few years we hope that the shelter will once again thrive and be open. We also want to work a lot closer with other agencies and companies in order to promote opportunities for our guests. We are in the process of organising partnerships (and therefore training and employment opportunities) with a local rock climbing company, a medical company, a hotel and also a kitchen.

<https://tenpercentfoundation.org/more-than-just-a-roof-the-lifeline-of-off-the-streets-in-southend-essex-750-donation-in-2024/>

Donation Decisions - May 2025

The Ten Percent Foundation Trustees have met and shortlisted the charities below. The next step is for us to contact each charity to determine what donation they want and what the money will be spent on. We like to hear from the charities as to what we are supporting, even if it is just general costs. We also look into each charity or organisation's accounts, background and further information before we make a final decision.

• Disability Wales • Dipex Charity • On the Verge • Picturing Health • MENTOR WISE • Forever Colours children's hospice • Huntington's Disease Association (HDA) • Thin Green Line Foundation (Working for the Wild) • Arfon Access • Sandwell Young Carers • Me&you • MyTime Young Carers • Wildteam Conservation • RASASC • The Pachamama Project • RUILS • HearSay Charitable Trust • Soane's Centre • The Sick Children's Trust • Funding for Establishing Breastfeeding Cafe within Middlesex University • The Peter Doody Foundation • Paul Sartori Foundation Limited • Out of Sight • Y-Not Arts (via NMPAT) • Myrovlytis Trust • Bardsley Youth Project • Pace Charitable Trust • Breakout Youth • The Neuromuscular Centre (NMC) • Ripple Effect International • Human Rights Solidarity Organization • Whitley Community Development Association • The Lewy Body Society • FOP Friends • CLAPA • Tyrone Underwater Search and Recovery • The Warren Youth Project, Hull • The Prison Choir Project • Cure Parkinsons • Centre 63

Donation Suggestions Sought by The Ten Percent Foundation

Suggest a Charity

We are open to donation suggestions for 2025-2026, with the next round of decision making due in 6 months, so plenty of time to make suggestions. Our trustees have recently met to make decisions for the May 2025 round and we are in the process of contacting the successful charities to arrange our donations (see above). We tend to distribute donations in the region of £500-£2000 to each charity and we usually have around £20,000 to give away. We get more suggestions from academic staff at universities than we do from any clients in other sectors, which we are incredibly grateful for, and we like supporting ongoing projects. The Prison Choir Project (see our website) is a good example of this and we hope to continue donating to the organisation for some years to come. [To suggest a charity for us to support, please click this link](#) . Takes about 30 seconds.

Hybrid, Remote & Office Based – The Clash of Cultures – Employees v Employers

An article from our sister company, Ten Percent Lega, on the clash of cultures between employees and employers. Employees generally want to work remotely, employers want their staff to be office based.

<https://ten-percent.co.uk/hybrid-remote-office-based-the-clash-of-cultures-employees-v-employers/>



Recent Articles

- **[Beat The Deadlines](#)** - This is just a quick reminder that if you have funding that needs spending before the end of the university financial year, we are always happy to invoice in advance for any transcription & translation work.
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Peaceful Weekend Getaways

St Milburga Chapel in the Shropshire Hills is a cosy 4 person, Grade 2 listed holiday home in open countryside overlooking the Clee Hills. Renovated in 2022, it is approximately 10 minutes' drive from Ludlow with its highly regarded restaurants, cafes and independent shops. The chapel is perfectly located for family holidays (Ironbridge & Church Stretton nearby), weekend breaks and walking holidays. 10% of profits from the chapel lettings are donated to the Ten Percent Foundation. Rated 4 star accommodation by Visit England.

Website: <https://www.stmilburgachapel.co.uk>



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