

Gloucestershire Nightstop welcome three new Trustees, appoint interim Chair and Vice-Chair

As Gloucestershire Nightstop approaches its 20th Anniversary in July, we're delighted to welcome three new members to our Board of Trustees:

- **Caroline Lucas-Mouat:** Domestic Abuse and Housing Coordinator at Gloucestershire Strategic Housing Partnership;
- **Joe Summers:** Student Mentor Coordinator at Gloucestershire College; and
- **Karen Coventry:** Commercial and Marketing Director at Stagecoach West and Oxford Tube.

These appointments bring valuable new experience, community connections and skills to the GNS Board, helping us to consolidate the strong progress made since the pandemic.

GNS would like to thank outgoing Chair of the Board, Paul Hooper, for his support and contribution to restoring stability post-pandemic and helping place the organisation in a strong position going forward. Everyone at Gloucestershire Nightstop wishes him luck on his new appointments.

Jess Roberts has been appointed Interim Chair. Jess is a manager within Children's Services at Gloucestershire County Council, a serving volunteer host with GNS and has served as Vice-Chair of the Board since 2021. Jess is passionate about fostering a positive, innovative culture driven by our mission to end youth homelessness and grounded by our young people, volunteers, and staff.

Jacob Bradfield will take up the role of Interim Vice-Chair after being appointed to the Board in May 2022. He is also Executive Support Officer at Gloucester City Homes, Deputy Lead Governor of Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust and was a homeless young person who used the Nightstop service in the past.

These appointments solidify our determination, across the organisation, to place young people who have experienced homelessness and the volunteer hosts that make our service possible at the heart of our decision making.

Gloucestershire Nightstop welcome continued applications to our Board of Trustees, particularly with backgrounds in chairmanship, finance, or DE&I. It is an incredibly exciting time to join the team at GNS, an organisation increasingly being recognised for our leading role in system-wide research and innovation.

Jess Roberts, Interim Chair, said:

“Everyone at Gloucestershire Nightstop is passionate about giving young people, in the toughest of situations, the best possible chance to succeed. I’m really excited to welcome Caroline, Joe, and Karen to the Board as we start this next chapter on our 20th birthday. Each bring valuable skills and experience that put us in an even stronger position going forward.”

Elaine Pearson-Scott, Executive Director, said:

“Gloucestershire Nightstop celebrate our 20th Anniversary on the 18th July. We’ve come so far since the pandemic in developing a more holistic service offer, providing a strong foundation on which our young people can build stable and successful lives.

“Our mission is simple, but the challenge is enormous. We’re in this to end youth homelessness for good. I can’t wait to work with our new Trustees, amazing people with valuable experience and skills from across our community, in pursuit of this mission.”