



Free bus travel for homeless young people as Stagecoach West partners with Gloucestershire Nightstop

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Stagecoach West has partnered with Gloucestershire Nightstop, as the charity celebrates its 20th birthday. The bus operator is providing free bus travel to Nightstop's young people clients so they're able to travel to their emergency accommodation easily and safely.

Gloucestershire Nightstop is a charity offering emergency accommodation for 16–25-year-olds, in people's homes. The hosts are local people in Gloucestershire who invite those in need to stay a night with them.

Jacob Bradfield, Board Member, Gloucestershire Nightstop says: "When somebody becomes homeless, it's hard to keep the other aspects of their life above water. The lack of a stable base has devastating impacts on people's relationships, jobs, education, finances, health and wellbeing.

"The ability to travel makes homeless young people more resilient, enabling them to keep the rest of their life afloat and limiting the long-term damage caused by homelessness. This is why this partnership is so exciting and its impact on achieving long-term success for young people cannot be overstated."

Founded in 2003, Gloucestershire Nightstop provides holistic accommodation and support services including emergency accommodation, longer term accommodation, laundry and washing facilities, training, enrichment, activities, small support grants, peer befriending, advice and a place to go during the day.

Rachel Geliamassi, Managing Director, Stagecoach West says: "We're so pleased to be involved with this wonderful charity and do what we can to support

them. Taking the worry and burden of travel out of the equation will, hopefully, go some way to helping these young people at an incredibly stressful time in their lives.”

Stagecoach West will also promote Nightstop’s services and appeal for volunteer hosts to its workforce in Gloucestershire and on its social media channels to the wider community.

Jacob Bradfield continues: “We’d like to thank Stagecoach for being so keen to work with us in pursuit of our mission to prevent and end youth homelessness. This partnership will help us keep our young people moving, recruit new volunteer hosts and recover from the pandemic in our 20th anniversary year. By working together, we can help young people build solid foundations for stable and successful lives.”

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