

STEP-BY-STEP—HELP NEEDED. HAVE YOU GOT A SPARE ROOM????

Step By Step are a charity that help and support homeless young people aged 16 to 21 and try to accommodate them to get them back on their feet and find a job. Currently, Step By Step are struggling to recruit people with spare rooms to take these young people in. They are looking for people or families with spare bedrooms. The host families get to decide who lives there and are free to turn any young person down. The young people are first assessed by Step By Step and are matched up with hosts/host families, they view their home and get to meet each other. If both parties agree they are assisted to move in and are offered support for one year. After the year is up Step By Step look at moving them to 'low lodgings', basically as a private tenant. To qualify they must be 18 and in education or employment for 12 weeks. The hosts receive £80 a week in rent and do not have to provide food or toiletries. All they need to provide is a bed, furniture and space in their cupboard, fridge/freezer for the young person to store their food.

If you can help, please contact Nicole Swallow by email on: nicole.swallow@stepbystep.org.uk