

# Street Outreach

24/25

Hello,

Thank you for being so interested in supporting the Soup Kitchen! Since 1986, Soup Kitchen London has been a valuable resource for the homeless, elderly, lonely and vulnerable. We are a secular organisation providing free nutritious meals, clothing, toiletries and a sense of belonging to nearly 200 people daily. In 2019, we launched Europe's first-ever on-site mental health drop-in centre within a soup kitchen to address our guests' mental health needs. With the help of hundreds of volunteers each year, we provide a nourishing meal in a safe and warm environment that welcomes everyone.

As an entirely privately funded organisation, we depend on individual and corporate donations, as well as grants and trusts, to support our guests. The current economic environment has heightened the many crippling aspects of homelessness and food poverty that no one should endure. Thankfully, because of our incredible supporters, we've provided an uninterrupted, critically needed service for four decades.

Often, our guests can't come to us for food and clothing, so we go to them! Our Street Outreach activity will take you on an approximately 4-mile journey through central London, where you will feed and aid our rough-sleeping friends. One of our team members will guide your walk, answer any questions you have and explain more about what we do and the people we help.

Starting and ending at our centre on Tottenham Court Road, the journey takes participants to areas where we know people need support. Along the way, you'll distribute food and clothing to rough sleepers you meet. You will have a real opportunity to engage with some of London's most vulnerable people. Our friends often speak about how lonely and isolating it is to be homeless. Street Outreach provides a small opportunity to change that. Many companies use this as a team-building exercise.

Our schedule for this activity varies, so please get in touch with us to find out our availability. You can schedule your walk to begin anytime from 15:00 until 18:00. **Because of the feedback we've received from our rough sleeping friends, we limit the group size for Street Outreach to 12 participants.** We want people to have more awareness and a better understanding of homeless issues in London.

Street Outreach promises to be memorable! Thank you again and please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Warmest regards,

The Soup Kitchen London Team