

## LATCH Project

LATCH is the only year-round charitable organisation in the London Borough of Bromley committed to assisting and supporting the hidden homeless aged 18 and over, when they have nowhere else to turn for help.



65% of their service users are aged 18 to 25 and in this age group there are so many people who, despite not meeting all the criteria to enter the care system, are deeply vulnerable and at risk. These may be young people in 6th Form, college or work but their only means of shelter are to sofa-surf or sleep on living room floors for months on end, surviving but hidden. This is the hidden face of homelessness.

There is no hostel accommodation available in central Bromley to accommodate the needs of the homeless. The bed and breakfast accommodations being used as a solution to housing and homeless problems don't unfortunately provide the safe and stable environment, ideal to create and nurture a sense of belonging. This is what the LATCH Hosted Model provides and what every person deserves because it can act as a springboard from which to build the much-needed resilience towards independent living.

Testimonies:

*“The LATCH project even helped me to sort out my housing benefit and other problems I had to deal with, with the help of one of their wonderful support workers. She helped me and dealt with everything little problem I had during my stay and even more. She always made sure that I was fine and wasn't stressed out and also that my study was going well. She was always there for me and was always there to listen to me. The LATCH project even helped me with my university application form. With the help of LATCH, I had my life back and due to them I will be able to start University in September in Aberdeen Scotland in Biomedical Science. I just can't thank them enough for helping me and also because due to them, I am able to look at the future on a brighter side. I am really grateful for what they did for me and can't thank them all enough.”*

*“LATCH helped me in a time of need, when I was having home issues and couldn't live where I was anymore. I was put in a hostel before being taken on by LATCH. It wasn't very nice and I didn't feel safe but then LATCH got in touch and offered to house me with a host family. I was so excited when I got the call as it meant I could feel a bit safer and feel better about where I lived. Now I am settled into my own flat and am getting on so well! I've never been better and LATCH still keep in touch to see how I am. I want to thank LATCH for all of the help they gave me!”*

If you would like to know more about LATCH Project's work visit their [website](#)