

# STREETS KITCHEN

SOLIDARITY NOT CHARITY

HOW TO START  
YOUR OWN  
STREETS KITCHEN



**GIVE  
A  
SHIFT**







**THERE ARE ALMOST THREE TIMES AS  
MANY ROUGH SLEEPERS IN THE UK  
TODAY AS THERE WERE IN 2010**



# SOLIDARITY NOT CHARITY

Streets Kitchen is at the heart of a nationwide network of grassroots groups dedicated to standing in solidarity with the homeless.

Along with our partners, Streets Kitchen provides and facilitates hot food and drinks, clothes, medical care, veterinary care, as well as advice, support and community outreach at around ten locations across London. Our group's members are on the street every night of the week.

We also run a free cafe and shop, as well as workshops, clinics and drop-in sessions at our Solidarity Centre in Holloway.

But when we started out, we were just a small group of volunteers, cooking out of our kitchens, standing out on Camden High Street one night a week. It's that easy! Here's how to do it yourself.

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**AS WE ARE BY  
HOMELESSNESS?  
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HERE'S HOW:**



# 1: VOLUNTEERS

Go out and find some like-minded people willing to commit their time - they're out there!




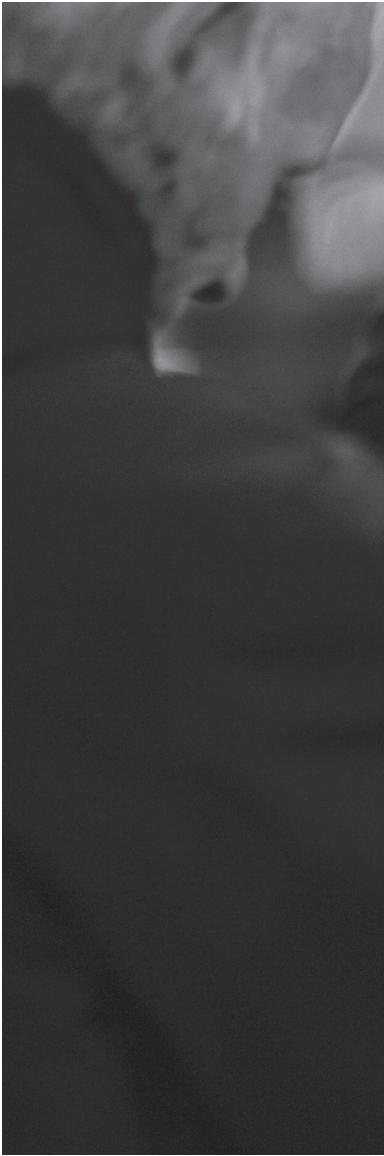






## 2: **FOOD**

Almost all the food we cook  
is donated to us. Who in your  
area could help you?  
Cafés, supermarkets, restaurants  
and market traders are all worth  
asking - get creative!





Try these too:

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[fareshare.org.uk](http://fareshare.org.uk)

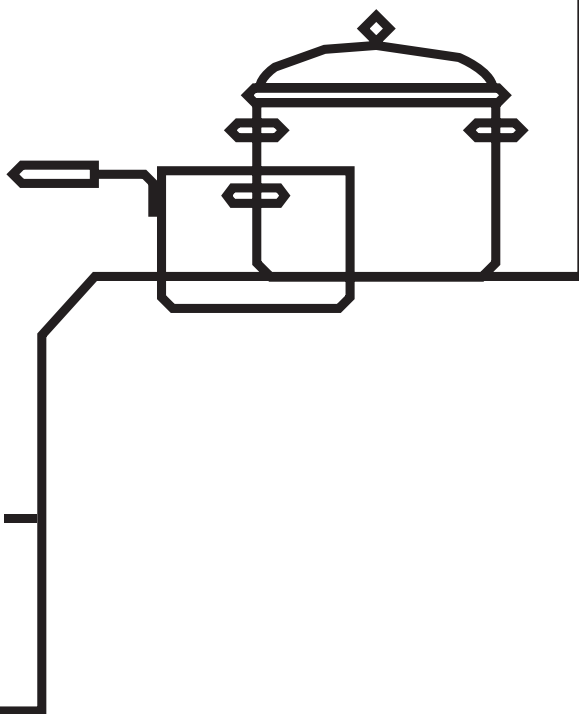
[thefelixproject.org](http://thefelixproject.org)  
[cityharvest.org.uk](http://cityharvest.org.uk)

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## 3: COOKING EQUIPMENT

You're going to need big pots and pans, as well as serving equipment, cutlery and plates (recyclable/compostable only please!). Get in touch with us @streetskitchen and we can give you some gear to get you started!

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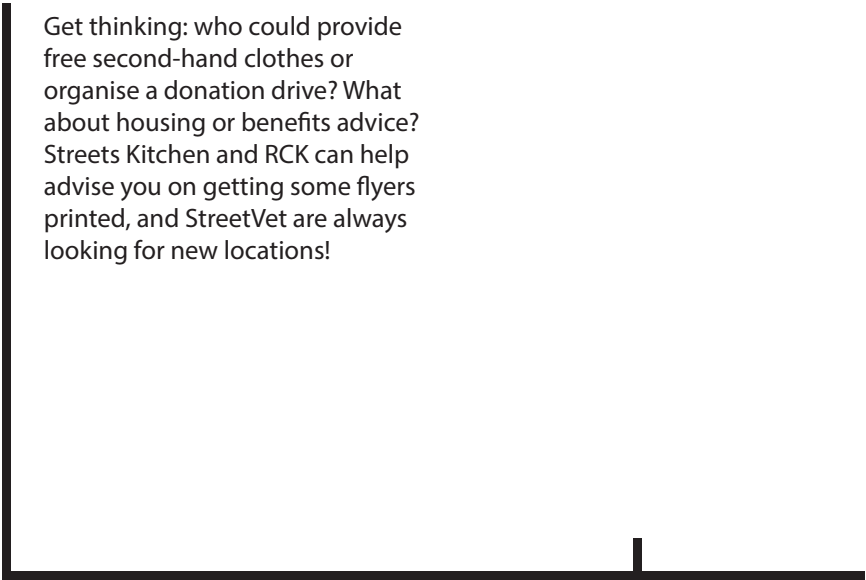
# 4: LOCATION

Take your time to get to know your local area, and put some thought into where might be a good location for your Streets Kitchen.

There are plenty of factors to account for: Be visible, but not too exposed to the elements, and somewhere where your guests will be able to feel relaxed.



## 5: LOCAL SUPPORT



Get thinking: who could provide free second-hand clothes or organise a donation drive? What about housing or benefits advice? Streets Kitchen and RCK can help advise you on getting some flyers printed, and StreetVet are always looking for new locations!

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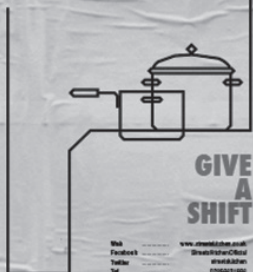
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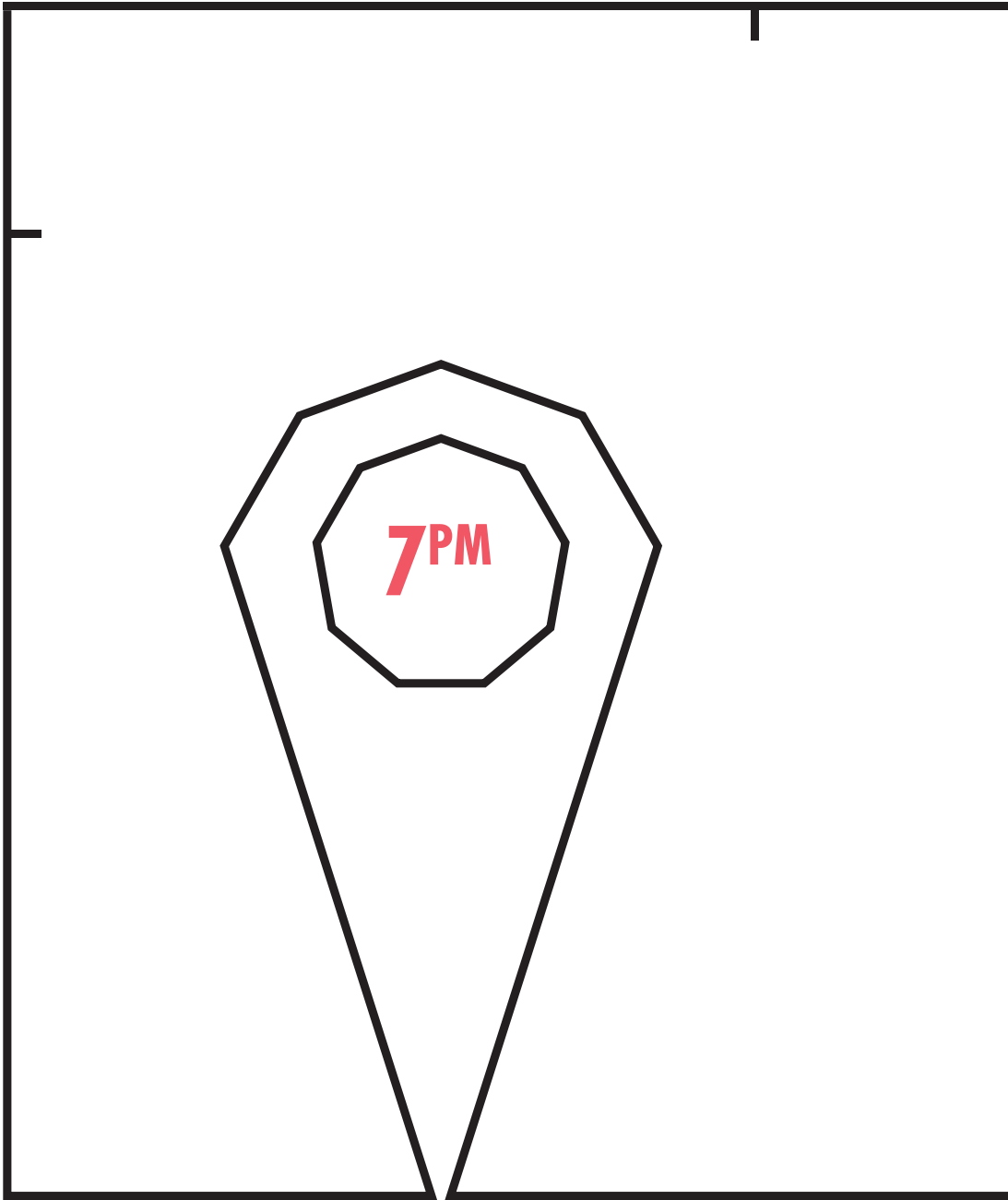
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20.10 - SHEPHERDS BUSH EMPIRE - BUILD OUT

**FLYPOSTING**





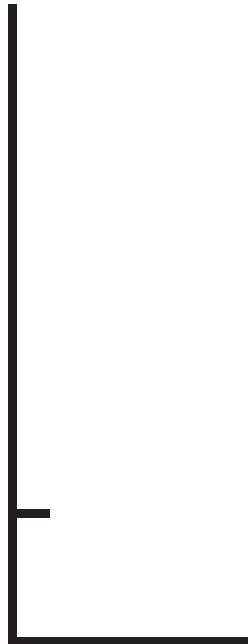
# 6: RELIABILITY

The most important thing you can do to grow your Streets Kitchen is to be where you said you'd be, when you said you'd be there. Every week.

Earn your community's trust by making yourselves a local fixture.

Speak with your local homeless community, they'll know the best locations for you to set up.

# 7: KEEP BUILD AND



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Life on the streets is difficult and people are complicated, so do your best to always be positive and accepting, and to welcome people. Good music is a great place to start.

**YOU'LL SOON SEE FOR YOURSELF: KINDNESS TO STRANGERS IS WHERE REAL COMMUNITY BEGINS!**



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