

Move On History

Move On was established in 1997, to provide a range of services for people affected by homelessness. We are an entirely independent, limited company with charitable status and are run by a Board of Directors.

When first set up, with financial 'start up' support from the Big Issue in Scotland, Move On's remit was to provide crisis driven reactive housing resettlement support to homeless people, mainly vendors of the 'Big Issue in Scotland' magazine. Initially Move On had offices in both the Glasgow and Edinburgh Big Issue premises.

Though services were effective, staff had reported that the crisis intervention work was only assisting people in the very short-term, and not enabling them to make a permanent break from homelessness. It was increasingly recognised by the Board that effective solutions to addressing homelessness, needed to be longer term, looking at the range of issues in people's lives in addition to 'bricks and mortar' accommodation issues.

As time went on and Move On was able to attract other sources of funding, the strategic decision was made to concentrate more on longer-term proactive work with a focus on preventing homelessness rather than solely reacting to it.

In 1999 Move On developed the Training and Development Service, in Glasgow, as our first employability focussed service and an additional 1:1 support service for people who had been homeless and needed ongoing support to manage their lives effectively in the community. The great success of these services still influences our work more than 10 years on.

In Edinburgh our services took a different direction, concentrating primarily on homelessness prevention and targeting vulnerable young people. We developed a successful peer education approach offering opportunities for young people, who had experienced homelessness and the care system, to become volunteers and deliver advice and information on housing issues to other vulnerable young people.

In 2009 our services developed even further following our success in attracting investment from Inspiring Scotland. This new investment, won against stiff competition, enabled us to extend our employability and homelessness prevention activities to work with vulnerable 14 – 19 year olds.

Currently our services include:

- Money and Debt Advice
- Literacy and Numeracy Tutoring
- Mentoring services for care leavers and vulnerable young people
- Visiting support for people affected by homelessness
- Advice, information and guidance on housing and support
- Volunteering opportunities
- Employability services for 14 – 19 year olds