

YMCA MILTON KEYNES



Be the
change for
local young
people

Become a
**YMCA Milton Keynes
Corporate Partner**

Why we're here

YMCA is the only provider of supported housing dedicated to young adults aged 18-35 in Milton Keynes. To date we have supported more than 10,000 local young people.

We provide a safe place to live for up to 242 young people across our campus and move-on accommodation.

In addition to housing, we provide practical, emotional and employment support to enable our residents to achieve their full potential.



“In so many ways I am grateful to the YMCA. There is no other place in Milton Keynes for young people like me to go. They want to help and make your life better.”

- Clinton, 21

We guide our residents through a pathway of support



The first stage of our pathway is for young people who have experienced homelessness and provides accommodation for 30 residents with 24-hour support.

The focus at this stage is to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Our next priority is to help our residents find meaningful and sustainable employment. At YMCA MK, we offer a unique, person-centred Employability Programme.

All residents are supported by Employment Coaches to establish and achieve their careers goals.

Once a resident has been in employment for six weeks, they will move into stage three – independent accommodation. This consists of 106 flats and apartments available to rent at a cost that is 20% cheaper than other private rentals in the area.

While living in independent housing, our residents are supported as they prepare to move on from our campus to begin the next chapter in their lives.

Ways to get involved

The need for support from our local business community has never been greater.

- Since the pandemic, our waiting list for housing has **grown by 50%**
- **We rely on donations and grants** to fund our employment, mental health and wellbeing services.

It's essential that we have the resources to meet the increasing needs of young people in our community. There are two ways your organisation can support our critical work.

1. Champion of Young People in MK

We want to work with organisations that can **help us lift young people out of homelessness and into employment**. If you can provide our residents with work experience and/or employment opportunities, you will be recognised as a Champion of Young People in MK.

This level of support will be acknowledged throughout the charity and beyond, with additional benefits listed overleaf.

2. Corporate Partnerships

From raising crucial funds to helping build awareness of the important work we do in Milton Keynes, our corporate partners play a key role in helping us to support the vulnerable young people who need us most.

Raising funds for YMCA can be mutually beneficial and can make a positive change within our local community. From raising a small amount from a bake sale to a larger amount from a Corporate Golf Day, you could become a **Bronze, Silver or Gold** Corporate Partner. Turn the page to read about the benefits your organisation can receive at each level and check our website for a fundraising pack or fundraising opportunities.

Other ways to support

- Charity of the Year partnership
- Corporate donations
- Payroll giving
- Pro-bono support

“Bringing three YMCA residents into our team as trainees has been a great experience not only for them, but also for our staff. Their motivation and willingness to learn and be part of the company has been brilliant, as has the opportunity to pass on skills and teach people a new trade. I highly recommend offering training and development opportunities to young people. I would also like to thank the YMCA staff who have been incredibly supportive throughout.”

- Chris Bridgman
Partner, Bridgman & Bridgman LLP

The benefits of being a corporate partner

Fundraising for YMCA MK will help make a lasting difference to the lives of young people in Milton Keynes. At the same time, it will enable your business to be visible at the heart of our local community.

It's through the support of ALL our partners that we truly unite the Milton Keynes business community to help us achieve our vision of every young person having a safe place to stay and the means and confidence to belong, contribute and thrive.



Benefit	Bronze £250	Silver £500	Gold £1,000	Champion No Cost
Acknowledgement in our annual report	✓	✓	✓	✓
Your company logo displayed on the YMCA MK Corporate Partnerships webpage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quarterly acknowledgment on our social media platforms	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use of YMCA MK Corporate Partner logo for marketing purposes	✓	✓	✓	✓
YMCA MK presentation to your staff team, Board etc. on the impact of your support		✓	✓	✓
Invitation to YMCA MK Community Lunch hosted in the YMCA MK café, HomeGround, inviting members of the local community, businesses and our young people		✓	✓	✓
An annual Corporate Partner Q&A to be published on our website and published in our supporter newsletter			✓	✓
Personalised annual tour of YMCA MK with our staff team and one of our young people			✓	✓
Complimentary use of our training/conference room once per year (including 10% discount on catering package from HomeGround)			✓	✓
Invitation to VIP Business Networking Events held in our campus			✓	✓

Want to know more?

To learn more about becoming a YMCA MK Corporate Partner or Champion of Young People in MK, email partnerships@mkymca.com. You can also find out more about fundraising on our [website](#) and sign up to our Supporter Newsletter [here](#).



Visit HomeGround

If you enjoy meeting colleagues or clients over a coffee or working lunch, visit our social enterprise café, HomeGround. Based on the ground floor of our campus, our informal and relaxing café is the perfect spot in Central MK to enjoy great coffee and healthy food.

Championing local, independent and socially-focused suppliers, HomeGround serves fresh, high-quality ingredients and produce.

HomeGround also gives YMCA residents an opportunity to work and gain full independence. Whether it's food preparation, barista training or customer service, our young staff gain practical work experience, the qualifications and the confidence needed in a public-facing environment to help them thrive.

Visit homegroundmk.com for more information.



“I want to make the most of all the employment support I can get while living at YMCA MK. I don’t know if I’ll ever get this much help again once I move on.”

- **Paul, 27**

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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.