



“ACRE LANE HELPED ME get drug treatment... I’m now clear of drugs and, best of all, I’ve worked as a trainee painter and decorator”

- Acre Lane resident

The Acre Lane hostel in Brixton is home to 35 adults with medium to high mental health problems who might otherwise be living on the streets. The residents have issues including personality disorders, manic depression and a history of self-harm, and many come straight from hospital to live at the hostel.

At Acre Lane, the staff are dedicated and persistent. They help residents prepare for independent living by running sessions on personal hygiene, budgeting, shopping, healthy eating and communications- the kinds of things that most people take for granted. The 12 week programme aims to equip residents with the confidence to engage in some form of work in the future. Extra activities like these sound simple, but make a huge difference to the outlooks of the individuals at Acre Lane hostel and contribute greatly to the 90% success rate that the hostel has in resettling their residents.