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HERE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
Since 1977

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A message *from our CEO*

This year has been both our busiest – and most impactful – yet. While I am deeply saddened by the rising need that drives this unprecedented demand, I'm incredibly proud to share that, thanks to our dedicated team, no young person under 25 had to sleep rough in the communities we serve.

Over the past year, Roundabout has supported more than 1,800 young people through our services, from emergency and long-term accommodation to life-skills training and counselling – ensuring each young person received the tailored support they need to build a brighter, more secure future.

Our innovative approach continues to evolve, and in 2025, Roundabout became the delivery partner for Homewards' new Upstream initiative, a pioneering school-based early intervention programme tackling the root causes of youth homelessness.

None of this would be possible without the powerful collaborations we've built with local councils, funders, and community partners. Your support has enabled us to meet this unprecedented need with compassion and resilience.

Together, we can build a future where every young person can grow and thrive in a place they call home.



Ben Keegan



Ben Keegan,
Roundabout Chief Executive

You made this possible *in 2025*

(financial year 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025)



1,807

young people supported across all our services



42

young people with complex needs helped by Rapid Rehousing



166

young people supported with their tenancies in Sheffield



2,478

students received Peer Education in schools



684

young people received advice at our drop in



76

young people received counselling



155

young people supported in Rotherham



49

young people supported to access employment, education and training



54

families received mediation through our Talk it Out service



43

care leavers supported through Group Living



101

young people supported financially to set up their new homes when they moved on

PLUS *in 2025*



Young people had their first trip to a theme park



Victoria

26 year old Victoria left Nigeria after her parents had passed away, when she realised she couldn't live an open life back home due to her sexuality.

When she arrived in Sheffield, Victoria was in a bad place mentally – depressed and suicidal. The Home Office provided temporary accommodation whilst she was an asylum seeker, but once granted refugee status, Victoria was only given 10 days to find somewhere to live. Narrowly avoiding three weeks on the streets thanks to the kindness of a friend, Victoria then found Roundabout and was offered supported accommodation.

“Roundabout made it possible for me to have my own place and a place to rest my head. It's a blessing to have a place to call home and space to think about the future. When I was homeless I couldn't think about the future.”

Roundabout's Employment & Skills Worker, Hayley, also helped Victoria figure out her career options. With a passion for helping people, and lived experience of mental health issues, she found voluntary work with a local charity.

“That's when I learned some women in the area were afraid of social workers because they feared it meant their children were going to be taken away from them. I thought, why not go into social work? If there are more social workers with my skin colour perhaps these women will feel more comfortable.”

With Hayley's support, Victoria got a place on the 'Step Up to Social Work' course at Sheffield Hallam University. Since completing the course, she was inspired to apply for a Learning Disability Nursing Course, which she started this September.

“Having Roundabout's support made me feel like a burden had been lifted. Before the support of Roundabout, I felt like chains were holding me down. But now I'm able to back myself. I feel freer and more optimistic about the future. I would tell anybody experiencing homelessness to not give up. There are so many charities to help people so just keep pushing and it will come through for you.”

Preventing Crisis: *Our New Early Intervention Service*

2025 saw the launch of Upstream, as Roundabout was selected to deliver this ground-breaking project in Sheffield, as part of the Royal Foundation's Homewards initiative.

The project brings targeted early intervention into secondary schools to prevent youth homelessness before it begins.

Working with Key Stage 3 pupils, Upstream uses universal screening to identify young people who may be experiencing challenges with school disengagement, poor mental health and wellbeing or family conflict.

The support offered is tailored and personalised, designed to build resilience, improve relationships and strengthen support networks. Recognising the importance of stable family relationships in keeping young people safe, Upstream also works more widely with whole family units, offering parent support and family mediation in order to work more systemically with young people and their families.

The project is based on the successful Australian Geelong Project, which led to a 20% reduction in early school leavers and a 40% drop in youth homelessness.

Upstream is now working in three schools across the city, collaborating with local services and communities to help young people develop the foundations needed for their future, reducing the risk of crises and homelessness in later life.

As interest in the project continues to grow, we remain committed to prevention as a powerful tool in breaking the cycle of youth homelessness.



Of young people who have ended interventions

100%

report feeling happier at home and believe they are more capable of overcoming challenges

2/3

report improved relationships with those they live with, their friends and their teachers

2/3

report they felt more confident after the intervention

“*My child really benefits from the sessions, and we all appreciate your support.*”

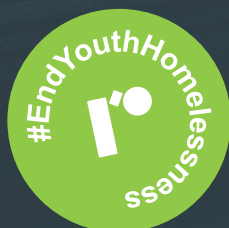
– Parent

“*I’ve never really had a proper outlet for my emotions so it really helped to get them all out then get actual advice that would help me.*”

– Young person

“*Upstream is a breath of fresh air.*”

– School partner



A year of Peer education

Another aspect of our early intervention work is our visits to schools. In 2025, we delivered 106 sessions.



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Amber

Amber first came to Roundabout at 24, and with the help of our Supporting Tenants' team has been able to sustain private renting for the first time.

She grew up in quite an unstable home environment, and experienced homelessness while sofa-surfing at a young age. Her parents were separated from when she was really young and argued a lot, and Amber often felt stuck in the middle.

Amber's neurodiversity was not yet diagnosed, and this led to her 'playing up' at school. At the age of 12, Amber experienced serious abuse. This contributed to her declining mental health and behaviour, and with a lack of support at school and in her home life, she ended up leaving education aged just 13. Without an outlet for all of her complex emotions, Amber would chase validation from negative places, which often put her in risky situations.

As a result of her early experiences, Amber has sometimes struggled to express her emotions and can feel quite isolated at times. After having a child in lockdown, she began to suffer with poor mental health. Amber was desperate not to repeat the same mistakes as her parents, but putting this pressure on herself made her even more anxious.

When she first approached Roundabout for support in December 2023, Amber's wellbeing was at rock bottom, and she was struggling financially with rent and bills.

"I'm so happy I found the support of Roundabout. I have been in contact with so many services throughout my life and I never felt that I got the support I needed. I have also been reluctant to seek help in the past as I felt a sense of shame, but now I am feeling a lot more positive. Phoebe, my worker with Roundabout, helped me get my bills in order and my mental health is much improved. I feel much more comfortable with my emotions and I am in a much better place. Things can still be a little bit up and down but I feel like my life is heading in the right direction again."

During her time at Roundabout, Amber became a Peer Educator. She was keen to show that there is more to homelessness than meets the eye and there's always help out there if someone needs it.

"I really appreciate all the support they have been able to give me"

The Roundabout Journey

No two young people's stories are the same, and neither is the help we offer. Tailored to each individual, our services offer wraparound support for everyone who comes through the door. Whether that's a young mum who's been sofa-surfing or a refugee with nowhere to call home, we're a lifeline for young people who need to feel rooted. And we offer so much more than just a roof, empowering youngsters to build a brighter future.

Prevention (13+)

Universal Prevention

- Peer Education (13+)

Targeted Prevention

- Upstream (Year 9/10)
- Mediation (13+)

Crisis Prevention & Relief

- Drop-In: Housing Advice (16-25)



Accommodation

- Group living for care leavers (16-18)
- Rapid Rehousing for those with complex needs (18-25)
- Resettlement for care experienced young people or those involved with youth justice
- Residential hostel with 24 hour support (16-21)
- Dispersed accommodation with keyworker support (18-25)



Floating Support

Support with accessing and keeping their own tenancy, whether that be a council property or private rental (18-25)



Towards Independence

All young people within Roundabout's services also have access to a range of support, ultimately providing them with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to live independently. This includes life skills, employment and volunteering, mental health and wellbeing, counselling, drug and alcohol support, parenting support and other individual needs.



Families *Talk It Out*

Talk It Out, our Mediation Service, is here to support young people and their families, fostering understanding by talking, and crucially, listening.

Strained relationships at home are a common challenge faced by young people at risk of homelessness. Talk It Out helps families to resolve conflicts and create a better way to move forward together.

Here's what some young people supported by Talk It Out had to say:

**"I'm more rational.
I take time to
think about things
before I act."**

**"I'm handling
my emotions
better, not
shouting or
swearing!"**

**"My
communication
is a lot calmer,
not reacting
straight away."**

**"I can set
boundaries with
my parents and
speak truthfully
about things going
on in life."**

**"My relationship
with my family
has massively
improved. We're
now able to do
things together
and talk to each
other."**

**"Me and mum have
become friends again.
We show respect for
each other now. I have
learnt that showing that
you are understanding
each other's perspective
is really important"**

"Talk It Out helps families to resolve conflicts and create a better way to move forward together. "

The impact of Talk It Out

In 2024/25, **54** families were helped by Mediation.

After mediation, almost **9 in every 10** young people stayed or returned to living in the family home, with no youngsters left sofa-surfing.



Talk It Out is just one part of our Prevention Service.

We also offer:



**Mind Over Chatter
(Wellbeing Support)**



**Dedicated
in-house counselling**



**Employment &
Skills support**



Libbi

Last year, Libbi was having issues at home and ended up seeking help from Roundabout's services in Rotherham. She was given a room at our Rotherham Hostel, living alongside four other young people.

At first, Libbi found it hard – she'd always been quite shy and was spending a lot of time in her room. With the support of her keyworker, Nimo, she plucked up the courage to attend weekly cooking sessions – not only learning to cook healthy, nutritious meals, but also beginning to socialise with the other young people. Day trips to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Go Karting also helped Libbi to get out of her comfort zone, growing in confidence along the way.

After a few months at Broom Road, and a few group bbqs to boot, Libbi was ready to take the next step and move into a Roundabout 'Dispersed' property in Rotherham. Although living more independently was challenging at first, it also gave Libbi the chance to make the space a bit more her own, and build confidence around the skills needed to live alone.

"I realised how much I was missing out on as a teenager. Roundabout has really helped me with relationships, with confidence and with my independence."

With Nimo's support, Libbi also recently got back in touch with her dad – having not seen him for around six years. She's enjoying rebuilding a relationship with him, and is grateful for him doing the occasional food shop for her.

A lot has changed over the past year, and Libbi has a powerful message to her 17-year-old self:

"Everything will be ok. You'll get through it. I've learnt that, because of Roundabout, bad things do get better."

As Libbi prepares to apply for her own council flat, she feels more ready to take that next step towards living fully independently. Although Libbi has nerves around the move, she's really looking forward to being able to paint the walls, and hopes to get a cat to keep her company.

Young people *out and about*



A team from Banner Plant taught young people how to make planters out of pallets! They have been able to share their DIY, gardening and design knowledge and skills with each other. One of the youngsters involved was inspired to start growing their own vegetables.



Even shared how much it meant to her to mark her birthday in a way that's traditional here in the UK – with some cake!



Young people and staff came together to break their fast during Ramadan.



Roundabout Peer Educator, Brittany, was named one of the region's Top 30 under 30!

A new base *in Rotherham*

We're proud of our unique approach to supporting young people in Rotherham. From their first contact, each young person is matched with a dedicated keyworker who stays with them throughout their Roundabout journey. For those who may struggle with relationships or attachment, this consistency helps build trust and strong, positive connections.

Our Rotherham service offers the same breadth of support as Sheffield – from Emergency Accommodation and Rapid Rehousing to Dispersed Properties and Tenancy Support – ensuring we can help young people at any stage of their journey towards independence.

A committed team of ten project workers and six night staff make sure no young person is left feeling alone or isolated, and the newly refurbished Sherwood House is a key part of this service. With one emergency bed, four longer-term rooms and two bedsits, it provides different levels of support to meet individual needs. As Senior Project Worker Nimo explains, “you never know what you're going to walk into – we're always adapting to the needs of the young people in the service. That's why it's so rewarding – especially seeing young people grow and thrive.”

Residents at Sherwood benefit from 24-hour staffing, shared cooking sessions and day trips, while the bedsits help young people build the skills needed for the next step – maintaining their own tenancy in social housing or the private sector.

Roundabout goes far beyond just providing a roof. Every young person supported in Rotherham also has access to our wraparound services – from mental health and wellbeing support to mediation, education, employment and skills.

This year, **155** young people have been supported in Rotherham

68 Tenancy Support

20 Rapid Re-Housing

46 Dispersed Housing

21 Emergency Assessment



"I love being back at Roundabout and I'm very happy to get another chance. Sherwood is very nice! I feel settled and I'd like to learn new skills and get my own place again."

Shah, one of Sherwood's first residents since the refurb



Better together

Partnerships in action

In 2025, we formed new partnerships that have created exciting opportunities for young people supported by Roundabout. These collaborations have not only raised vital awareness of youth homelessness but also inspired transformative fundraising. Thanks to the dedication and generosity of our partners, we could continue delivering life-changing support and helping young people build brighter, more secure futures.

Building brighter futures with Strata Homes

Doncaster-based house builder Strata Homes chose Roundabout as its Charity Partner in 2025.

Their support has included a wide range of activities, from joining our Murder Mystery Dinner, Charity Golf Day, and Three Peaks Challenge, to running their own high-energy events like Go Karting, Yard Ball and Tough Mudder.

A highlight of the year was their Charity Ball at The Royal Armouries in Leeds, raising an incredible £50,000.

Beyond fundraising, Strata has become a true advocate for our work, helping to raise awareness and drive change for vulnerable young people across the region. We're deeply grateful for their enthusiasm and generosity.





Beats and Boxing *Expanding Horizons*

World-class experiences for young people have been made possible through partnerships with GB Boxing, based at the English Institute of Sport, and RiteTrax, a local music charity. These initiatives are designed to boost confidence, build skills, and create a sense of purpose for 16-25 year olds facing homelessness.

Through a music project supported by the Tramlines Trust and the Sarah Nulty Power of Music Foundation, young people are experimenting with DJing, songwriting, beat-making, and music production. Hosted at RiteTrax's Plot 22 space in Sheffield, the sessions have really encouraged creativity and self-expression. "It's incredibly inspiring to see young people go from shy and hesitant to confidently writing and performing their own songs," said Ben Allen, Roundabout's Fundraising Officer.

Inside the ring, a new collaboration with GB Boxing is using the power of sport to foster discipline, resilience, and self-worth. Taking place at state-of-the-art facilities in Sheffield, the programme introduces young people to boxing fundamentals while also addressing mental health, inequality, and social isolation. "This partnership creates a safe, energetic environment for our young people to grow and thrive," said Emily Jones, Fundraising Manager at Roundabout.

Together, these projects are unlocking potential and offering tools for independence – enabling young people to break the cycle of homeless.





Fundraising *Highlights*

This year, Roundabout's Fundraising team achieved record-breaking income – a testament to the incredible generosity of our community. From local businesses and volunteer groups to individual supporters, so many stepped up to make a difference. Whether taking part in events, organising their own challenges, donating items, or giving time and expertise, your support has made a lasting impact. Thank you.



A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS: in our third year at the crucible, a whopping 157 performers wowed a packed audience and host Dan Walker, raising £26,363

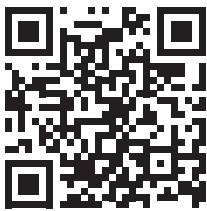


ABSEIL: 40 brave volunteers abseiled down Sheffield Hallam's iconic city centre building, raising £12,588



YORKSHIRE CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL: Chocolate lovers from across the regions hit Meadowhead in search of sweet treats, raising £7,356

Coming up



keep an eye out for
exciting events in 2026

Two Game Swaps,
organised by the
Sheffield Games
Collective, raising
over £4,000



RIDE LONDON: A
13-strong group,
including trustee
Tim Castle, cycled an
impressive 100 miles
around London's iconic
landmarks, raising
£9,368

£27,600 worth of
presents, trees and
dinners was donated
over the festive
period. Thanks to
you, every young
person supported by
Roundabout received a
Christmas gift

MURDER MYSTERY:
Bramall Lane held
host to a crime-
cracking evening,
raising £1,785



Over 250
of you
volunteered
at our events
this year!



In-kind gifts: Jangala
provided free internet
for our properties, and
HeyGirls! provided
unlimited period
products for anyone
who needs them

Thank you!



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2nd Chapter

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Alder Bar

All seasons

BabyCare

Bank Park Parking
Management

BHI

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Bristol City FC

Castle Owen

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Thank you to trusts and foundations

We are thankful to all trusts and foundations who supported us this year, and helped to improve the lives of vulnerable young people in South Yorkshire.

Unrestricted, Core Costs & Service

The Royal Foundation
Department of Health and Social Care
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Children in Need
The Spencer Charitable Trust
Cutlers Company Charitable Trust
Land Aid
Dixon Pitchfork Charitable Trust
Hyman Winstone Foundation
TK Maxx & Homesense Foundation
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Paul Grant Charitable Trust

Building & Repairs

The Stadium Group
The Jongen Charitable Trust
Screwfix Foundation
Arnold Clark Community Fund
YOR4GOOD

Prevention, Mediation & Employment & Skills

Department of Health & Social Care
National Lottery Community Fund
Every Youth
Freshgate Trust
Sheffield Town Trust

Mental Health, Wellbeing & Physical Activity

John Lewis Foundation
Facey Family Foundation
Morrisons Foundation

Fundraising Support

JG Graves Charitable Trust
Sheffield Town Trust

& Thank you!

To our
supporters,

who have given their time to fundraise
or donated items to support young
people

To our
**regular givers and
major donors,**

for helping to secure our future, so we
can be there for as many young people
as possible

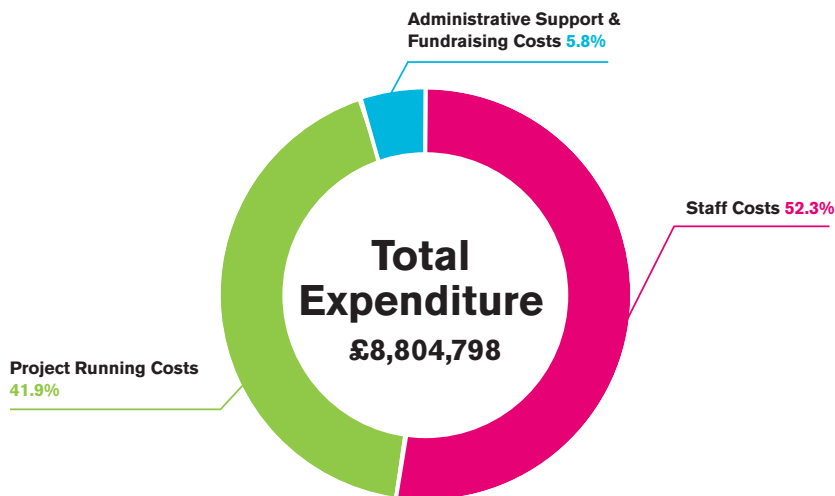
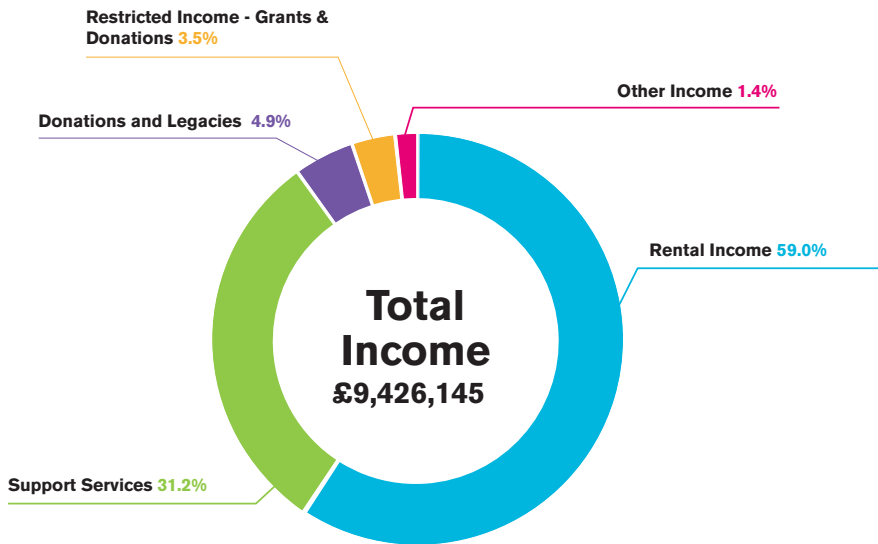
To our
**staff, volunteers
and trustees,**

for going the extra mile and for always
putting the needs of young people first



Financial Summary

For year end March 2025





Reflection *on the year*

2025 has been a year of outstanding outcomes. Whilst providing record levels of service and support to young people at risk of homelessness, Roundabout has also managed to achieve a substantial increase in its financial reserves. This has enabled the Board to fulfil its long-term Reserves policy objectives, which for many years we have struggled to reach.

The Trustees have consequently taken a strategic decision to use some of the reserves for further investment in housing resource for young people otherwise at risk of homelessness. This, in part, reflects our serious concern that the problem of youth homelessness is growing rather than diminishing – despite our best efforts.

Against this background of growth and hard work, on behalf of my fellow Trustees, I would again like to thank the Senior Leadership Team and all our staff for their dedication, commitment and professionalism.

I would also like to thank our many volunteers, partners, donors and supporters and all who have contributed to the phenomenal efforts during 2025.

John Caldwell, Chair of Trustees



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