

help hotels to help the homeless!

With your help, the creation this winter of the first Sleep-Pod night shelter will pave the way to transforming short-term and emergency accommodation across the world.

The concept

The pioneering concept, called Sleep-Pod, provides a unique solution for short-term accommodation for the homeless.

Stephen Sharpe, Chief Executive of St Patrick's, explains: "Temporary shelters are strategically important to homeless people – a place where they can stay for up to three weeks and link in with the support services relevant to their needs before moving onto a more permanent alternative. The Sleep-Pod was developed in consultation with our residents, volunteers and supporters and the concept has the potential to transform emergency night shelter provision. Homelessness continues to be a significant problem and we need to find ways of maximising the availability and quality of care for those in need. The Sleep-Pod does this perfectly by combining a welcoming and modern design to create individual and secure spaces."

Sleep-Pods at SLEEP06

The team behind the venture hopes that hotel operators, designers and suppliers will be inspired to fund one or a number of the Pods. There are many parallels as well as contrasts between this solution for the homeless and the hotel guest experience. The parallels are about providing guests with secure, comfortable and clean accommodation, but when you consider how much money is spent in today's leading, fashionable hotels, often just a stone's throw away from people sleeping on the streets, the contrast is striking. Doing something to alleviate the problem should make sense to hotels, especially in cities that have a reputation for problems with rough sleepers.

How can I help?

Following review of the prototype Sleep-Pod, a set of 20 Pods will be constructed at St Patrick's for a more extensive trial. After this, the knowledge and experience will be shared with other homeless charities before being made widely available to any organisation in need of flexible, cost-effective temporary accommodation.

Donations:

- You can make a donation of any size towards the project.
- Sponsor a Sleep-Pod or group of pods (projected cost just less than £3,000 per pod). Your name or logo may be printed on the pods, should you wish.

If you would like to donate please speak to someone on the stand or contact us via the website www.sleep-pod.co.uk or on 020 8374 6320.



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