



News Release

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£11k donation from The DPS to help LGBT young people in Brighton and Hove find a home through YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre

Bristol, Monday 27 February 2017 – An £11,000 donation by The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) will fund specialist support from YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre for LGBT young people in Brighton and Hove to help them find a home, the UK's largest protector of tenancy deposits has announced.

The Centre will train volunteers one-to-one to become 'peer mentors' and provide support to other members of the local LGBT community.

Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The DPS, said: "83,000 young people experience homelessness every year and the South East has the second highest rate of homeless applications in England.

"As a result, we're delighted to be supporting YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre's fantastic work in helping LGBT young people in Brighton and Hove find a home."

YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre is a "one-stop shop" for advice and information for young people aged 13-25 years old in the City of Brighton and Hove.

Julia Harrison, Advice Services Manager at YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre, said: "LGBT young people account for 13% of the total number of clients accessing our housing service, with a 50% increase in transgender clients since April 2016.

"The DPS' generous donation will help reduce youth homelessness and empower LGBT young people to be aware of their rights and responsibilities as tenants."

The DPS's fund assists charities that support the homeless and those who need help to live independently, and charities across the UK have benefited from donations from The

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DPS and its sister organisations, the Letting Protection Service (LPS) Scotland and Northern Ireland, over the last three years.

Charities focused on the housing sector can apply for funds via The DPS' website at www.depositprotection.com/charity. Applications for the next round of awards must be submitted by 31 March 2016.

Photo: (Right) Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS), with staff of YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice, after The DPS made a £11,000 donation to help the charity provide specialist support for LGBT young people in Brighton and Hove to help them find a home.

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1. For high resolution images of spokespeople, visit <http://cpu.vg/spokespeople>

About The DPS

The Deposit Protection Service's custodial tenancy deposit protection scheme is accredited by the Government. It is provided free of charge, and funded entirely by the interest earned from deposits held in the scheme. The DPS was approved by the UK government to run an insured TDP scheme in September 2012 in addition to the approval it has already been granted by the UK government in respect of the custodial scheme. The DPS is run by [Computershare Investor Services PLC](http://www.computershare.com). Online self-service allows landlords to register and make deposit payments, transfers and repayments 24 hours a day. Help and advice is available through a dedicated call centre during office hours. An impartial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) service, helps to resolve any disputes quickly and without the need for court action.

For more information, visit www.depositprotection.com

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