

BEDFORD STREET ANGELS

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Bedford Street Angels appoints Project Coordinator to lead help for revellers.

It has been announced that the Bedford Street Angels Committee has appointed Adam May to become its first Project Coordinator. Adam shall be responsible for the day to day running of the project as it seeks to develop its work as a presence on the streets each Saturday evening. Adam has recently moved from Bognor Regis where he has recently served as Communications Officer for Churches Together in Bognor Regis and District, which covers twenty two churches and Christian groups. Adam brings experience of having been directly involved in the Arun Angels Project, the equivalent project in Bognor Regis.

The Bedford Street Angels scheme is similar to existing Street Angel and Street Pastor schemes, of which Portsmouth and Halifax are good examples. There are well over a hundred such schemes across the towns and cities of the UK including seaside towns such as Weymouth, Weston-super-mare, Aberystwyth and Margate. All of them have teams of volunteers from various types of local churches and have seen success in reducing violence, antisocial behaviour and fear of crime in their communities

In this town, the Bedford Street Angels Project operates each weekend between 10.00pm on a Saturday night and 3.00am on Sunday morning to offer a listening ear and practical support to those most in need. The Project seeks to work in partnership with other organizations within the town such as Bed:safe, the Bedford Police Authority and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP).

Welcoming news of the appointment, Adam May said

“I am looking forward to taking on the joys and challenges as Project Coordinator for Street Angels here in Bedford. The work that Street Angels has done nationally has been well received and I hope and pray that much of the good practice of other projects can be adopted in our own town as we seek to grow and develop.

As a faith based project, we seek to offer a Christian framework to support anyone who approaches us. Our work is not to convert people to our point of view but to share our common humanity. The project demonstrates real Christian love in action. It can be hard work at times but I look forward to seeing Bedford Street Angels as a familiar sight in our town.”

News of the appointment was also welcomed by Project Coordinator of Bed:safe, Frank Fender who said

“Bedford Street Angels have been a welcomed addition to the town centre on Saturday nights. The enthusiasm and commitment of the Street Angels compliments the actions already undertaken by the various partners involved in the Bed:Safe initiative and I look forward to seeing this work progress further to make Bedford an even safer place”.

For further information on the project or to discuss recruitment, please contact Adam May on 07595 703833 or by email thebedfordstreetangel@gmail.com, or logging onto the website www.bedfordstreetangels.org.uk

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Adam May is available for interview by arrangement.