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WINTER NEWS '16

What does Christmas mean to you? A turkey feast? Presents? Fun with friends and family? The festive season always makes me stop, think, and feel grateful.

Christmas can be tough at One25. While we celebrate with our nearest and dearest, the women here can feel even more alone. As we plan for the future, women can struggle to imagine how things could possibly change.

This Christmas we'll do our very best to **let each woman know she's loved and can have hope** for the future. Join us by writing a gift tag for a woman's Christmas present (see inside).

Thank you so much for your support in 2016. Read on for stories of how hope is transforming lives, and find out how you can help end street sex work in our city for good.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Fundraising and
Communications Manager





A NEW WAY TO REACH 'HIDDEN' WOMEN

In July we launched a Freephone number for outreach. This is especially important for women who have no phone or credit. We hoped to meet more women; so far it seems to be working. Women call regularly, including one who was too shy to flag the van down and wanted to arrange to meet instead.

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The night van is crucial; having the van there to pick you up and give you hugs in the middle of the night really makes you feel cared for.



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Sandra

TIME TO CELEBRATE

Thanks to everyone who came to our Annual Celebration. It was a fabulous night of sharing highlights from the last year and hopes for 2017.

Lauren said: *“Every day's not rosy, every day's not perfect, don't get me wrong; I'm changing a lifetime of behaviour. My hope is that I can give back to women what's been given to me: hope, encouragement and faith.”*

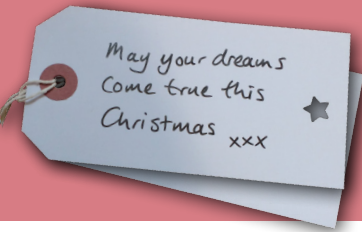
If you missed Lauren's story, or want to listen again, visit one25.org.uk/stories/laurens-story/





A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

At this time of year, many supporters send Christmas wishes to the women to help them feel cared for. We're enclosing a gift tag - if you'd like to write a message of hope, dreams and Christmas wishes to a woman, we'd be delighted to attach it to her Christmas present.



This year, we'll give women their presents at the drop-in party on 13th December, so **please return your tag to One25, 138a Grosvenor Rd, Bristol, BS2 8YA by 9th December.** Thank you!



A FOND FAREWELL TO OUR CEO, GILL

Gill leaves us this month. She's brought passion and commitment to every aspect of helping women at One25, from cooking their Christmas dinner to jumping out of a plane! We wish her all the best for her next adventure.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th Dec 2016: **Return gift tags to One25**
- 9th Jan 2017: **Volunteer information evening**
- 17th Jan 2017: **Vision for the Vulnerable event**
- 24th Feb 2017: **Sleep Out**



SAVE THE DATE: 24TH FEBRUARY 2017

Four in five women who work the streets in Bristol are homeless. Brave the elements with us at the Sleep Out 2017 to highlight homelessness in our city and to raise vital funds. Will you sleep out so the women don't have to?



SIGN UP!

Visit one25.org.uk or contact **Azelie** on 0117 909 4389 / events@one25.org.uk





KARA'S DREAM IS COMING TRUE...



Kara is halfway through a ten-week catering course with Square Food Foundation. She used to prepare drop-in meals with Alexis weekly and says: *"I love cooking. It's the only time I don't think about using drugs."*

Walking an hour to Square Food and an hour back, her dedication is incredible. At first she wanted her caseworker, Alexis, to stay with her, but she's now happy to go on her own. She's doing brilliantly on a script [prescribed heroin substitute] and focussing on her dreams.

The course offers help with CVs and catering apprenticeships, and next week she's getting a bike to help her get around. Her hard work is paying off - she's just heard she's eligible for Job Seekers Allowance. *"I'm feeling really ready for work. I just want to cook."*

Kara - we wish you every success!

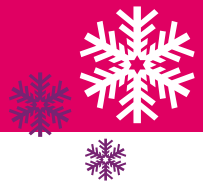
ANOTHER EPIC CHALLENGE!

This November, 60 people gave up speaking, eating, beds, beards and much more as part of our 125-hour challenge 'Give it up'.

Thanks to them, over £17,500 was raised, making this the biggest One25 challenge in years!



CHRISTMAS APPEAL



**We have a dream. In ten years, street sex work in Bristol has halved.
We want to end it for good.**

To do this, we're building a community so constant and generous that it will be possible. People who will stick with these women, month after month, faithfully fighting for change.

It costs only £20 to give one woman an hour's care in drop-in.

Some of us can give that every month, some of us can give more, some of us less. We all matter.

This Christmas, start a monthly gift.



**JOIN US.
END STREET
SEX WORK
FOR GOOD.**

Please complete the standing order and return to us,
or donate online at **one25.org.uk**.

Thank you.

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