What Works In Tackling Poverty

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Our Mission

The Rock Trust aims to prevent youth homelessness and to support young people to build better futures.
Services

- Emergency Accommodation
- Housing Support
- Visiting Support
- Drop In Centre and Group Work
- Peer Mentoring
Key Successes

- Strong links
- Co-location and duty support when needed
- Shared accommodation – with flatmate
- Young people value informal relationship
- Non vocational courses on offer
- Allowed to make mistakes
Challenges

- Accommodation difficult to replicate
- Waiting lists
- High rents
- DWP sanctions
- Lack of internet in properties
- Transparency of tenure
- Focus on life skills before employability
Going Forward

- Housing First for Youth
- More Shared Accommodation
- Internet access and use of hotspots
- Training Academy
- 20 More (Ruth Campbell at Comas)