

The logo consists of the words 'THE', 'HOUSE', and 'PROJECT' stacked vertically in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' in 'HOUSE' is replaced by a colorful house icon with a black silhouette of a house inside. The icon is composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in shades of yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, and blue. The entire logo is enclosed in a white rectangular frame with a black border.

THE HOUSE PROJECT

A COLLABORATIVE BUSINESS IN WHICH
PROFESSIONALS AND YOUNG PEOPLE
LEAVING CARE WORK TOGETHER TO
CREATE A HOME.

WHERE DID THE HOUSE PROJECT COME FROM?

- The House Project began in Stoke-On-Trent in 2015.
- Care leavers move in to a their property after completing their induction
- There are now several other House Projects in Doncaster, Rotherham, Warwick, Oxford, Islington, Scotland, Wolverhampton and Manchester
- Oxfordshire – we are **only** House Project ‘in UK’ that has shared housing model

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Aged 16-17 upon application, (can accept some 15 year olds!)
- Willingness to work towards EET or already have that in place
- Willingness to work in small groups to complete their bespoke induction
- Welcome UASC with status.



WHAT DO YOU DO IN THE HOUSE PROJECT?

- YOUNG PEOPLE WILL
- Meet other House Project members at group meetings.
- This will form part of their peer support network
- Meet key workers regularly
- Complete their AQA Induction 3-6 months before they move in
- Complete a range of community/business related activities
- Complete a residential as part of the induction

NATIONAL HOUSE PROJECT - OUTCOMES

156 IN THE HOUSE PROJECT COMMUNITY

No tenancy breakdowns

More young people in EET (this is after they have completed the House Project Programme). Our last figure was 75% of Care Leavers across all the projects were EET

69 YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR HOMES

Young people's confidence is increased

Less need for CAMHS/mental health services
Lower rates of A and E admissions

Report to be less isolated

They are more engaged with their communities – e.g know their neighbours etc



PLEASE VIEW FILM LINK.....

- This is a two minute film made by our young people about the project.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzQ4O5dVIFI>

OXFORDSHIRE HOUSE PROJECT - OUTCOMES

JULY 2020

- We will have moved 18 care leavers in to House Project properties in the Oxford city since March 2019
- **We are now recruiting Cohort 3 and 4**
- Currently our HP members **94%** are in Education, Employment or Training.
- No tenancy breakdowns

DIFFERENCES - HOUSE PROJECT & NEW SERVICE

- **House project**

- 3-6 month lead in time & careful matching
- YP apply to House Project direct so have to want it!
- Group work and other business, work and volunteer opportunities to assist YP to work and maintain EET.
- Young People can stay in property as long as they want to which makes us UNIQUE!

- **YPSA**

- Offers emergency accommodation
- Apply to the Pathway
- Mix houses up without matching
- CV TV on premises/options for 24/7 staff
- 18-24 month timeline

WHAT DO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROFESSIONALS THINK ABOUT THE HOUSE PROJECT?

“The House Project is an amazing project aimed at 16/17 year olds. They work really hard to support young people who are looked after into independent living by completing an inclusive, holistic 6 month programme which covers every thing someone needs to know before moving into their own home. The staff at the project go above and beyond for the young people involved and I highly recommend”
Shauna Kent, Social Worker

“The House Project has given me the opportunity to better my life by giving me a lot of 1-1 support with everything from getting my first home and feeling comfortable in the house to supporting me with things like EET, money management and overcoming personal struggles that have popped up along the way.”
Lauren, young person on the project

“The House Project has given me a sense of family, support and friendship that I never got from foster care. They also give you the freedom to explore and experience life to your full potential.”
Taylor, young person on the project

MEET THE TEAM



Sarah Ashfield
- House Project Lead



Jeremy Leggett
- House Project Facilitator



Lisa O'Brien
- House Project Facilitator



Jaki Winson
- House Project Facilitator



Autumn Walsh
- House Project Support Officer



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE HOUSE PROJECT?

- Come and speak to Sarah, Jaki, Jeremy, Lisa and Autumn today!
- Email autumn.walsh@oxfordshire.gov.uk for further information

Thank you for coming today, we hope to work with you soon!

