

# Homelessness Awareness Panel Event 2015

**‘Homelessness NOT Hopeless’**

**Belfast Met, Millfield**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

A presentation by:

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What is Homelessness?

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Think of the word...

**HOPE**

# Now consider the following..

- A lack of affordable housing
- Affording day-to-day living
- Sharing your living space with 20 others
- Strained family relationships
- Inability to cope with life events
- Struggling with employment/education
- Unaware of the impact of welfare reform

# Offering hope? – Our services

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- 22 Supported Accommodation projects across N.I.
- Community based support service – helping those in need across N.I.
- Harm Reduction Service
- Homeless Prevention programme

Accessing our services

Simon Community N.I.  
Central Access Point (CAP)  
24/7 Free-phone service

**0800 171 2222**



# making moves

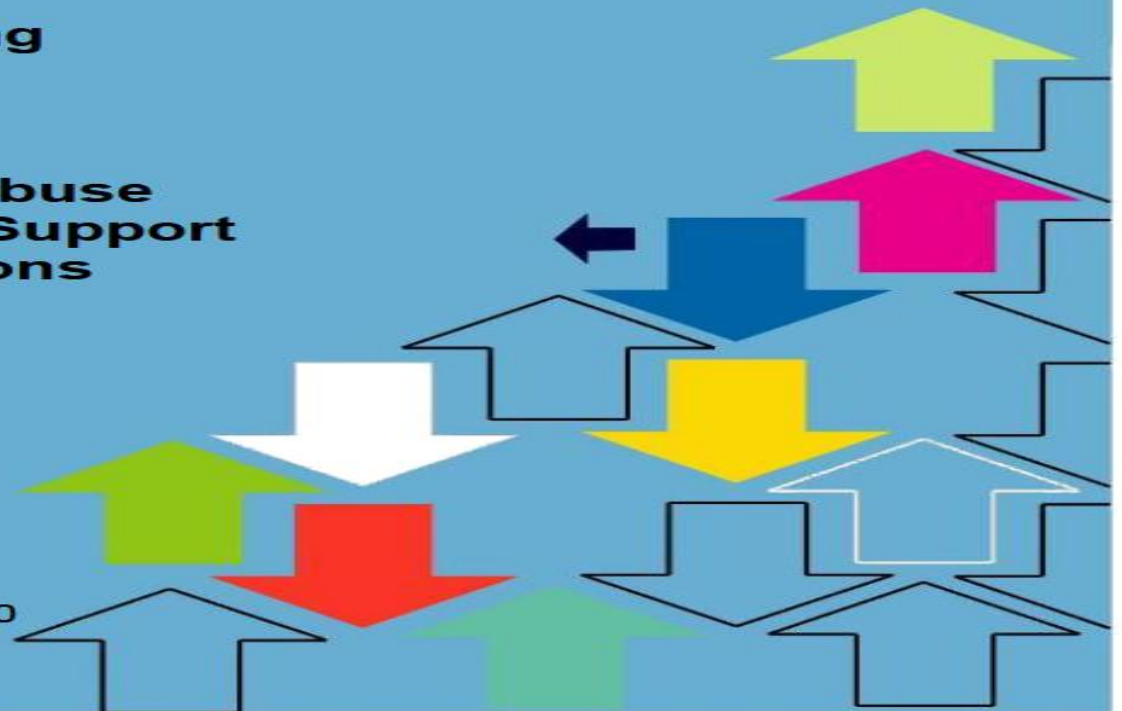
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**Guidance and Support with:**

**Housing  
Welfare Benefits  
Education & Training  
Employment  
Debt  
Counselling  
Drug and Alcohol Abuse  
Community Based Support  
Emergency Provisions**

**Every Fortnight  
Tuesday  
1.00pm – 3.00pm  
Falls Road Library**

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Please contact 0744 250 2610





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# How you can help?

- Learn more about the reality
- Volunteer – become a champion!
- Contact us if you need help
- Download the APP
- Save the CAP number on your phone



# Final 'hopeful' thoughts...

*Hope is patience with the lamp lit*

*There are far too many silent sufferers. Not because they don't yearn to reach out, but because they've tried and found no one who cares*