



# ***i-paint***

Get a staff team together  
and make a real difference  
to a young person's life



1625  
Independent  
People

# ***i-garden***



## ***i-paint and i-garden***

Independent People is a voluntary organisation providing housing and support to 16-25 year old homeless people in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.



### **We're not called Independent People for nothing!**

We want young people to do things for themselves, but sometimes this means giving them some encouragement or helping them to get started. Many of the young people we support have never lived alone or away from home – they are not great at budgeting or maintaining their property.

Believe it or not the mere fact that you have voluntarily decided to help them like this is hugely beneficial to their confidence.

We don't always get a chance to decorate a young person's room before they move in so often they move into an undecorated place; granted - it's better than nothing - but not very nice. We are only a small organisation so it can take months for us to get round to decorating it.

A lot of the young people in our properties would like to use the communal gardens but don't know where to start.

### **Who qualifies?**

Some of the young people we house are... how we shall put it... not very good at paying their rent. Here's where the challenge comes in – to qualify for getting their room painted they have to pay their rent (or at least stick to their repayment plan) on time for six months.

To get the garden done up the whole household has to have been recommended by their housing officer.

### **What's in it for you and your staff?**

- Use it as a development day - one of the team can act as the Team Leader. They'll need to do a risk assessment, plan the fundraising and organise the team (we can help you with all this).
- You'll make a real and lasting difference to a young person's everyday life.
- Learn basic decorating/gardening techniques
- You WILL feel good about it! Become a Friend of Independent People and get regular updates through our website.

### **You provide:**

- Sponsorship – you'll need to raise at least £50 for painting materials or £100 for gardening tools (which will then be left at the house so they can maintain your good work!).
- A team of up to three people
- A day out of your lives
- Enthusiasm and a sense of humour
- a strong painting arm!

### **We provide:**

- Training
- Your own Just Giving page to help you fundraise,
- Painting overalls and equipment
- Refreshments and lunch (maybe a BBQ if the weather is nice),
- A group photo to remind yourself what a great thing you've done
- and an “i-painted” or “i-gardened” Certificate.

### **Sign up!**

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