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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Art on the Beach fundraiser for The Clock Tower Sanctuary**

#### **Youth homelessness charity volunteer, plans large chalk drawing of West Pier to raise vital funds for 16-25 year olds.**

[The Clock Tower Sanctuary](#) (CTS) a charity that supports young people experiencing homelessness in Brighton & Hove, announces plans for art on Brighton seafront.

CTS Volunteer, Toby Goodyer is planning to sketch a giant chalk drawing of Brighton's iconic West Pier on the area in front of Brighton sailing club this August. Toby runs the art sessions at The Clock Tower Sanctuary, one of the many afternoon activities aimed at building self - esteem, confidence and trust in the clients who use the day centre. He says 'I have been a volunteer at CTS for about a year. The staff and volunteers at the centre work hard to provide a valuable resource to the community. It provides a secure environment that will provide respite for those who need it.'

'My background is in art and teaching and I wondered how I might utilize these skills to benefit others. A friend told me about CTS and I started as a volunteer. The intention being to facilitate drawing for those who want it, so clients can take it in their own direction. Just relax and enjoy mark making without the pressure of any kind of brief while in a safe and comfortable environment.'

Bella, 20 (name has been changed) said: "I don't know if the staff and volunteers at CTS who run the activities know how much they do for my loneliness and mental health, but it makes a huge difference."

Toby will do the sketch over the morning on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**. In the afternoon he will run some sample art sessions for the public to experience what is offered to the young people using the centre with the event finishing at 3pm. He says, 'The idea of this event is to capture something unique to the Brighton and Hove seafront, while raising the profile of the great work undertaken by the Clocktower Sanctuary. Over the morning, I will attempt to create a large-scale pavement drawing of the West Pier, in all its broken glory.' Donations for the event are welcomed here - [www.justgiving.com/page/toby-goodyer-1718214215217](http://www.justgiving.com/page/toby-goodyer-1718214215217)

Fundraising remains crucial to deliver the increasingly needed services provided by The Clock Tower Sanctuary as the charity receives no statutory funding. Fabia Bates, CEO of CTS says, 'We're also seeing a strong trend of young people's housing situations worsen compared with Q1 last year. 79% of our clients are now in unsuitable housing, rough sleeping amongst new clients has increased by a third and we've had double the amount of crisis fund applications.'

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Art on the Beach event will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10am-3pm <https://w3w.co/dress.oils.casual>

### About The Clock Tower Sanctuary:

The Clock Tower Sanctuary (CTS) is the only day centre in Brighton providing practical and emotional support to 16-25-year-olds experiencing homelessness in Brighton & Hove. Based at Wenlock House, 41-43 North Street, the day centre is open five days a week providing shower and laundering facilities, hot food and drinks as well as one to one work, confidence-building activities, life skills, access to volunteering, training and employment for young people who are experiencing homelessness and insecurely housed. They help clients move from crisis to stability.

The Clock Tower Sanctuary received 2,525 visits in 2023 from young people who were experiencing homelessness. The youth charity receives no statutory funding and relies totally on the community, corporate partners and funders to keep the doors open.

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