

What do I actually do in the House Project?

What do I get?

- I get the support I need
- I get to be a part of a team and a community, with a safe space to meet, talk, learn, laugh.
- I help develop the House Project
- I get a place I can call home
- And, its fun.....

STEP 1 - I apply

- I do an application and an interview – it's not scary, as I get plenty of help.
- If I'm successful, I join the House Project!

STEP 2 - What I do in the House Project

- I help **make the rules, our base and our identity** as a House Project team – we decide how we will work together, make a base (an office) and something that says who we are as a team – a T-Shirt, a logo, a mug etc
- I **write my learning plan** - I explore my interests and passions. I create my own ambition for what I might do or become in the future – my job and career. I follow these plans and adapt them as I go along
- I **write a safety plan** – I discuss my own safety and how, as a group, we can keep each other safer
- I **cook and share** meals with the group - everyone contributes a recipe, tips and pictures of their cook and eat event
- I **plan and do a residential**
- I **do something creative** to express mine or my team's ideas - photographs, a film, art work, writing, a song...
- I learn independence – how to **look after myself, my home and my budget**
- I **highlight success, raise challenges, suggest innovations and develop policies** as part of our Local House Project, we contribute to the Care Leavers National Movement and the National House Project
- I work with my team to **write a business plan and pitch for money and support** to do something that matters to us
- I **get support for my House Project – by running a network event** for businesses, trainers and others
- I help run an event for other people to **benefit my community**.
- I **graduate** with recognition for what I have learned and achieved

STEP 3 – My Home

- I learn how to **make a property into a place I can call home**
- I work with the House Project to find a place that will be my home
- I work with my team to manage the budget and work that needs to be done to my home
- I paint my home and do other work to it
- I continue my independence programme
- I look after myself and others
- I move in!

STEP 4 – House Project Community

- I carry on being part of the House Project community for as long as I want
- I have **ORCHIDS - Ownership, Responsibility, Community, a Home, Independence, Direction, a Sense of well-being**.