

Who are the Friends of The Connection?

The Friends of The Connection is an independent charity which is run entirely by volunteers and is dedicated to supporting the work of The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Nearly all of the money we raise goes directly to The Connection with very little spent on administration.

What do the Friends do?

The main aim of the Friends is to support the work of The Connection and raise money for it.

Some Friends organise their own fundraising activities such as coffee mornings, yoga days, making jam or cards to sell. These activities not only raise valuable funds, but also raise the profile of the organisation.

Other practical help is the generous response to our occasional appeal for towels and socks. Friends may come into the office from time to time to help with mailing and other tasks and some come at Christmas to sing carols in Charing Cross Station.

But, for most Friends support is purely financial, through their annual subscription and other gifts.

What is The Connection and what does it do?

The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields works with homeless and disadvantaged people in central London. Over 5,000 homeless people are helped every year.

Specialist services include a Day and Night Centre, Outreach for rough sleepers, skills training and career advice, activity programmes and specialist support for complex needs provided to 200 people every day. By encouraging each person to address the issues which caused their homelessness, The Connection helps them to gain the skills and confidence to make lasting changes in their lives.

The Connection grew out of a merger in April 2003 of The London Connection and the St Martin-in-the-Fields Social Care Unit. The London Connection cared for young people in crisis aged 16 to 25, while the Social Care Unit looked after homeless and vulnerable people aged 26 or over.

The London Connection was established in 1989, The Social Care Unit in 1947, although informal social care at St. Martin's dates back to The First World War, when the Revd. Dick Sheppard opened the Church to soldiers overnight.

www.connection-at-stmartins.org.uk

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Membership Application Form

I wish to become a Friend of The Connection. Please complete in CAPITALS, cut off and send to the address opposite:

Name

Address

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Postcode

Tel

Mobile

E-mail

Subscription Rates per Household/Company:

	Minimum	Suggested
UK Personal	£10	£30
Non-UK Personal	£15	£35
Corporate	£35	£180

My Subscription £

My Donation £

Total £

Please make your cheque payable to:
Friends of The Connection

Alternatively, you can transfer your money to our account at HSBC:
Sort Code **40-02-08**, A/C Number **81331086**
Or - IBAN **GB02MIDL40020881331086**,
BIC **MIDLGB2105T**. Use as Reference **NEW**.

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I declare that I pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at the basic rate or more in the UK equal to the tax reclaimed on my donations and will advise you of any change to my name, address or tax status. I would like the Friends of The Connection to claim Gift Aid on any gift I have given in the last four years and on all gifts I make in the future.

Signature

Date

We will not pass your details to any other organisation except The Connection at St Martins.

Please tick if you only wish to be contacted by the Friends of The Connection.

How did you hear about the Friends of The Connection?
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What can Friends look forward to?

Friends receive a Newsletter twice a year and are invited to our AGM in June, during which there is the opportunity to tour The Connection's premises. Friends are also kept up-to-date with Connection activities for example Open Days and Art Shows.

How do I become a Friend of The Connection?

You can do this by completing the form to the left and sending the tear-off slip to us with your cheque to:

Friends of The Connection at St Martin's
12 Adelaide Street
London
WC2N 4HW

T 020 7766 5522
E friends@cstm.org.uk

Thank you.

Registered Charity number 1040560



Friends of
The Connection
at St Martin-in-the-Fields

Supporting The Connection at St Martin's in its work with homeless and vulnerable people.
Please join us!
There's strength in numbers.

