

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Everything you need to know about
Centrepoint's Independent Living Accommodation



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OUR VISION

With the cost of renting and buying a property higher than ever, we know a generation of young people are struggling to gain their independence. At Centrepoint, we want to help.

Whether you have lived in our supported accommodation and are ready to live independently, but cannot afford the private rented sector, or you have never lived with us but are worried about becoming homeless if you can't find somewhere affordable to live, then we can help.

We know that for many young people living at home just is not an option. That is where our Independent Living Accommodation comes in.

Launched in 2019 by our Patron, HRH The Duke of Cambridge, our Independent Living Accommodation is a great first step into independence for those who are undertaking an apprenticeship or working full time.

With over fifty years' experience in housing and supporting vulnerable young people, we have taken a youth-led approach to solving this problem. We're developing shared houses and private self-contained homes across London and Manchester to give young people a future.

We'd love for you to join our community of like-minded young people and take your first steps into independence with us.

Seyi

Seyi Obakin
Chief Executive of Centrepoint



Our Patron HRH The Duke of Cambridge opens the first Apprentice House in December 2019

BE SUPPORTED

Peer to peer community support

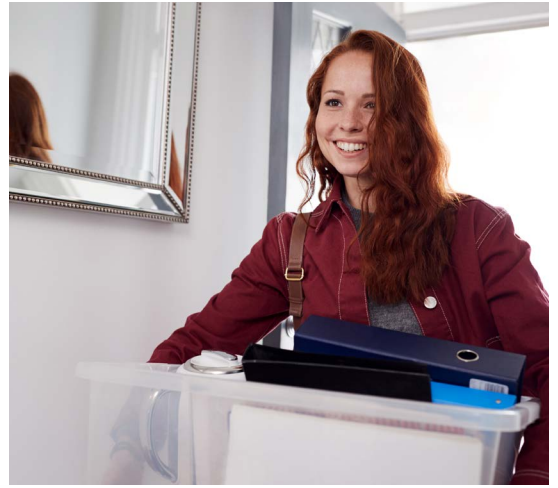
The aim of all of our accommodation options are to bring people with shared experiences together. Whether you have just started your first job or apprenticeship, or it's your first time living on your own, your peers are there to help you guide each other through it.

Settling in

If you need help settling in to your new home, you will be allocated an Independent Living Adviser. They can provide advice on budgeting and adjusting to living without support.

Local connections

You will receive a welcome pack on moving day with a comprehensive list of support and amenities in the local community.



BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY

Every accommodation option offers:

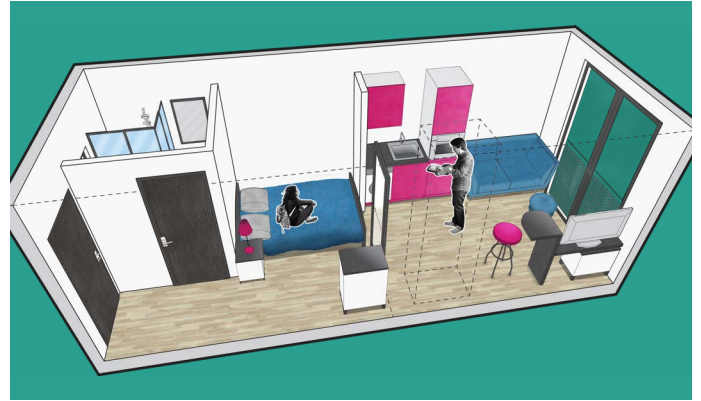
- Private bedroom with double bed
- Excellent access to public transport
- Walking distance to local shops and amenities
- Social spaces to meet other residents e.g. shared living spaces and outdoor spaces



WHICH TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

If you want to apply to live in Centrepoint Independent Living accommodation, you should be in full time employment or on an apprenticeship scheme, or proactively seeking either option.

All of our accommodation is located with good transport links to city centres and walking distance of local amenities.



1. Apprenticeship Houses

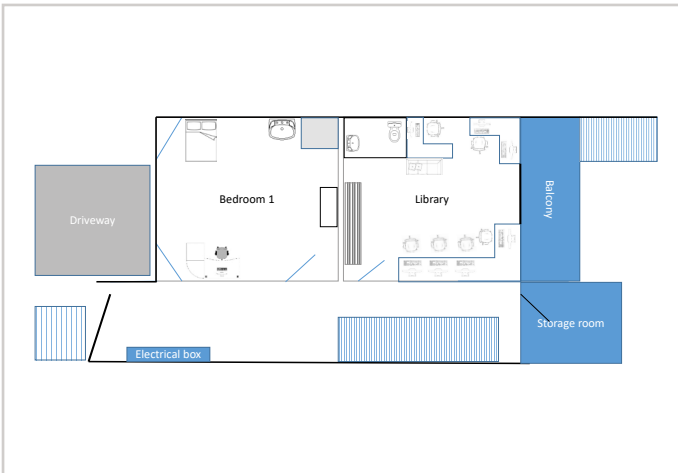
You must be in full time employment or on an apprenticeship scheme. You will be living with up to 6 other people in a shared house. You will be sharing a bathroom and a kitchen, but you will have your own private bedroom.

2. Self-contained Homes

You must be in full time employment on an apprenticeship scheme. You will have your own self-contained space with a private kitchen, bathroom and bedroom contained within a self-contained home.



APPRENTICESHIP HOUSE



Locations:

London with plans to expand to Manchester in 2021

Bedroom includes:

- Bed (Double)
- Wardrobe
- Desk
- Desk chair
- Shelves
- Bedside table
- Drawers

1 bathroom is shared between approximately 3 people.

1 kitchen is shared between approximately 7 to 8 people.

Example of shared facilities:

- Communal study library
- Shared living room
- Shared bathroom and shower facilities
- Shared kitchen facilities including oven, hob, sink, storage space, microwave, kettle, and one freezer and fridge shelf per person
- Shared balcony

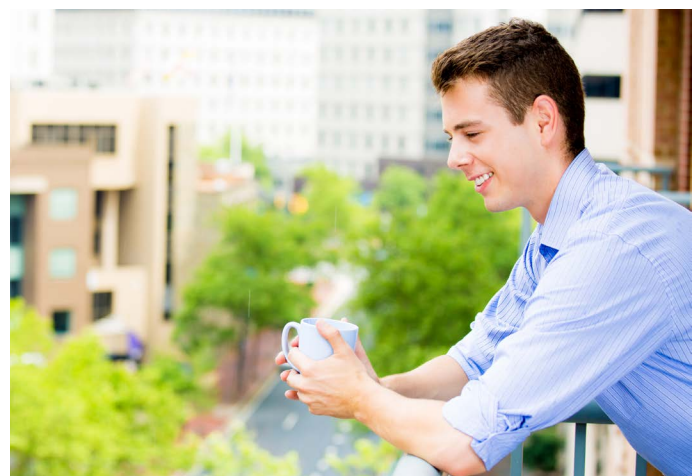
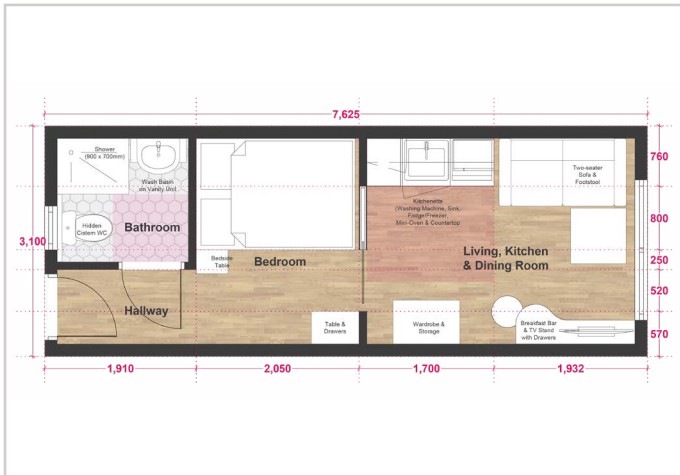
Rent - what's included?

- Rent will be no more than 1/3 of your monthly income
- Rent will be inclusive of gas, electricity and water
- Free broadband

Not included

- Food
- Household items and cleaning products

SELF-CONTAINED LIVING



Locations:

London from 2020 and Manchester from 2021

Facilities:

- Bed (double)
- Bedside table
- Kitchenette with washing machine, sink, fridge/freezer, mini-oven and countertop
- Two seater sofa and footstool
- Breakfast bar and TV stand with drawers
- Bathroom with WC, shower and wash basin on vanity unit
- WiFi

Rent

- Rent will be no more than 1/3 of your monthly income

Not included

- Utilities e.g. gas and electric, Council Tax
- Food

MEET OUR RESIDENTS

Shania

Shania, 19, and her family were evicted from their rented home in 2019 and placed into temporary accommodation. Over Christmas, Shania was trying to support her Dad and siblings whilst working and studying for her apprenticeship in accounting. She made contact with various agencies to try get help with the appeal.

Shania was offered a place in our Independent Living Accommodation and, at the same time, her family won their appeal to stay in their temporary accommodation.

“It gives younger people a head start to learn to live independently. It gives you confidence to know you can do it. You know you are not alone because you are with people the same age, doing the same sort of thing. You have support around you.”



Ana

Ana first came to Centrepoin when she was 18 and lived in our supported accommodation. She was always passionate about expressing her creative side and we helped her to pursue her passions.

At 21, Ana was ready to live independently and progress with her internship. She moved into our Independent Living Accommodation.

“It is realistic to your current situation. The rent is calculated based on how much your earning and not the value of the room. It’s the perfect stepping stone into young people wrapping their minds around living independently over extortionate private renting.”



HOW TO APPLY IF YOU ARE A CURRENT CENTREPOINT RESIDENT



1. Is Independent Living for me?

- Between 18 and 25 years old;
- Full time employment or on an apprenticeship;
- Are unable to afford to rent or buy in the private sector in the London or Manchester area;
- Capable of living independently without support or assistance.



2. Chat to your keyworker.

Have a conversation with your keyworker to discuss your options.



3. Apply for Independent Living.

Send an application to the Independent Living team mailbox:

independentliving@centrepoint.org



4. Discuss your application.

The team may get in touch to talk through your application and ask you some questions. For some homes this might include an interview.



5. Feedback.

If you're successful you will either be given a place or put onto a waiting list.



6. Make the move.

You will have the opportunity to be linked with an Independent Living Adviser who can act as an adviser and coach.



7. Move in.

You'll receive a starter pack ahead of moving in with important information about support available in the local community including where to find your local GP surgery and local transport. You will also be eligible for a bursary for the initial costs associated with moving.

HOW TO APPLY IF YOU HAVE NOT LIVED IN CENTREPOINT ACCOMMODATION



1. Is Independent Living right for me?

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