

Canning Town charity to host event to help homeless

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A charity will be hosting an event at the House of Commons to help improve the lives of the homeless.

Anchor House, which is based in Canning Town, will be holding the event on October 10, on World Homeless Day.

The charity is gathering together influential people from private and public sector organisations, as well as local government and health agencies at the House of Commons. Its aim is to draw attention to homeless people's needs and provide opportunities for society to respond to homelessness, which is the core purpose of World Homeless Day.

Speakers at the event will include Baroness Maddock, Lord Gus O'Donnell and Dominic Raab MP, the Bishop of Brentwood and Vicar General Monsignor John Armitage.

They will discuss issues of homelessness and what can be done. The reception will also provide an opportunity to meet front line staff and residents from Anchor House who have experienced homelessness first hand.

Keith Fennell, Anchor House Director, said there are many factors that can lead to someone becoming homeless and no two stories are ever the same.

He said: "On this World Homeless Day we aim to shine a light on those who are so often overlooked.

"Every year, Anchor House is home to up to 220 people who have lost their homes, and we see the people behind the statistics.

"The charity sector is currently facing severe challenges, but in spite of this, we have persevered and Anchor House is determined to survive because we know that we're making a difference to people's lives."

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