

FORMAT for CASE COLLECTION (WP2)

SECTION 1 (cover page): Introduction (in English)

Name of the Case

The Soup Kitchen Society

Abstract

The Soup Kitchen Society is a GCU Students' Association Society. Their objective is to provide food and drinks to poor and disadvantaged groups of people in Glasgow City Centre, on a weekly basis. Their target groups are those living in poverty, disadvantaged groups and the homeless. The Society is a GCU Students' Association. Limited results and impacts are only informally collected through communication with service users.

Website

<https://www.gcustudents.co.uk/groups/soup-kitchen>

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SECTION 2: Case description

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Objectives

The Soup Kitchen Society is a small part of a bigger picture. They work in an area of Glasgow alongside the Emmaus charity group to feed poor and disadvantaged groups of people.

Clients, audience

The poor, disadvantaged and homeless. The majority are male aged 21-60.

50% have been in care as children; 50% cannot read; 50% have been in the armed forces; 50% have been in prison. Most have been homeless at some point but may not be homeless presently. Service users may be visiting every evening for a two year period, on average.

Position along the SI Spiral

Having identified a social need in Glasgow, the Soup Kitchen Society has generated a basic solution. It is not clear whether they have the intention to expand beyond *delivering and implementation*.

Relationship with HEI(s) (High Education Insitutions)

- The Soup Kitchen Society is a Students Association at GCU.
- Through operations, the society is in-line with GCU's commitment to the Common Good, making a positive difference to local communities. The Society makes use of university facilities and a range of university events to raise awareness and funding.
- The Society was established through the Students Association at GCU.

Finance model and resources

As a Students Association at GCU, the Soup Kitchen Society receives a grant from the university to support their activities. This is supplemented by fundraising. The society operates within university infrastructure and relies on volunteers to prepare foods.

The Society also receives support from a commercial supermarket, Marks and Spencer, through the provision of breads at their sell-by date.

Methodology

The society delivers hot food to the homeless, disadvantaged and those living in poverty, in association with charity Emmaus. Relying on student volunteers, the society has strict volunteering guidelines and meets one evening a week, in Glasgow City centre, to serve food, befriend and/ or listen to the service users.

Products, results

Products offered for free to disadvantaged groups: Food and drinks, once a week, in Glasgow City Centre.

Impact and results

HEI no participation in monitoring or evaluating results. The society collect informal data from their service users, through relationships developed over time. Most of the service users return to the service over the course of two years.

Overall impact

The society has been operating since 2015 and they have identified that their users visit once a week for a two year period, on average, indicating that their service is valuable to their target group. No other impact information available.

Images



Source: Strategy for Change: Case Studies on Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship¹

Other resources

Please feel free to add any other information you may find useful.

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