



RATHAB

Impact Statement 2025

*“Thank you for all you do.
Please can you be around more often.”*

RAHAB

Restoring all hope and belief

Rahab offers care and support to on street sex workers in Reading. As part of the Mustard tree in Reading we believe that everyone should have the support they need to thrive.

This year Rahab celebrated our 20 year anniversary. We are a Christian project supporting street sex workers in Reading. In the bible God says he comes to bind up the broken hearted and bring freedom to the captives. Many of those we work with have experienced significant trauma and abuse, our aim is to show them how much God loves them and bring hope.

Teams of volunteers go out four nights a week, taking refreshments, toiletries and condoms. We go to the areas the women (and some men), are working, build relationships and trust. We run a daytime programme of support, that enables access to medical and housing services and provides support to attend appointments and court appearances. We also make prison or hospital visits.

2025 IN NUMBERS



“Because you are here and can help me, I can reduce my £100 a day heroin addiction and I won’t need to work so much”

Rahab Service User



Over the year our support has included:

- helping one woman move into secure accommodation
- supporting two women whilst they were in hospital with serious health issues. Both appreciate the regular visits from volunteers and the supplies they brought in, one saying she had managed to remain in hospital for as long as she had needed to (previously she had discharged herself too early) feeling a peace that she had never experienced before
- supporting a woman who had experienced serious sexual violence and was very fearful not wanting to talk to anyone. With support from Rahab staff and volunteers she was able to access the help she needed and is now in a safe place.

Over the year we have developed joint working with other agencies. CGL (Change Grow Live, the local agency working to reduce drug and alcohol addiction) and a nurse from the Florey sexual health unit now join us regularly on the streets at night. This has had a significant impact on the wellbeing of the women we meet, as they can access the help they need when they need it.

Over the last year we have begun two daytime multi agency drop ins to bring services to the women during the week staff from drug, health and housing agencies are available to meet with the women and offer help as needed.

We have also developed closer links with Bronzefield prison, attending safer streets meetings with other agencies and prisoners the prison, to offer support to women for when they are released.

“I’m very grateful to Rahab for helping the working girls on Oxford Rd. It’s absolutely amazing with all their input they really help change people’s opinions of us. People really care about us a bit more now. All the other services are all working together and it’s because of these lovely people at Rahab.”

Rahab Service User

Belief



“I think it is fair to say, this has been a resounding success ... Rahab inviting us to join you and being the friendly face of the outreach to link individuals in with us when there, has been invaluable to CGL services. To date with the support of Rahab, CGL have managed to engage with 5 high risk, extremely vulnerable females, who up until this joint working approach, we had been unable to engage and or locate. These ladies have been opened to the service; some have started and are maintaining the treatment with CGL and one specifically is now also on a waiting list for accommodation!”

CGL Recovery worker

VOLUNTEERING

Rahab is predominately a team of amazing volunteers and we want to say thank you to all of them who go out to meet the women in all weathers offering befriending, supporting the women to appointments, offering practical help, and attending drop-ins and providing activities for the women who attend.

If you are interested in volunteering, or to find out more visit our website

rahab.co.uk

Alternatively, call or [email](mailto:rahab@themustardtree.org) the team.

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