

The Simon Community was set up in London in 1963 by a Christian man called Anton Wallich-Clifford. The name originates from the Bible after Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus carry the cross. The idea behind the name is how one person can help another during a difficult time. The Simon Community Northern Ireland was set up in 1971.

We now have 20 different sites across Northern Ireland with 278 bed spaces for single people and 144 spaces for couples/families. We provide accommodation for people between the ages of 16 – 65 years of age. However, we also have 3 family hostels which children can stay in with their parents. The family hostel on the Falls Road, West Belfast, is called Conway Court.

The Simon Community also has a special hostel for young people aged 16 -26. This is called the Belfast Foyer. Everyone who lives here must be committed to training or employment.

We also run a group called the 'Outspoken Group'. This group is made up of individuals who are or have been homeless. They do training together and go out into schools and community groups to talk about their experiences of homelessness to young people and adults.

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