



Introduction to hosting

We know hosting can feel like a big commitment and it's natural to have a few nerves about letting a young person share your home with you. Our model, developed over time, is carefully curated to ensure that hosting is a safe, supported and enriching experience for everyone involved. This includes:



Careful and collaborative matching

We spend a long time getting to know you, and your family, and any young person that might be 'matched' with you. Even after a suitable match has been identified, you will still meet the young person at least twice before deciding whether to move forward with the lodging arrangement.

Guaranteed rental remittance



We guarantee your rental remittance for the time that the young person is living with you. This is usually between £600 and £800 per month depending on location.



Background checks

All our young people are referred by professionals in the field who must recommend their suitability for supported lodgings. We also spend a significant amount of time getting to know the young people and conducting additional background checks including references.





Wrap-around support



As a host you can access significant wrap-around support including 24/7 on-call support as well as opportunities to meet and talk with other hosts.



Flexible commitment

You can commit to hosting a young person for between 3-24 months. There are also regular opportunities to review the hosting experience once a young person is with you.

Independence



Hosts are expected to continue with their usual routines including work, social life and holidays. During extended times away young people are either supervised by Concrete Rose staff or able to temporarily live with alternative hosts.



Meaningful engagement

We expect all our young people to be meaningfully engaged in education, employment (paid or voluntary) and training. Where this isn't the case we put in extra support to ensure this happens.

Comprehensive training



As a part of the on-boarding process hosts receive significant training and a comprehensive induction in order to feel fully equipped for hosting.





Feedback from our hosts



Georgina

We've been Concrete Rose hosts for just over four months. It has surprised me what a two-way street this is. I know our young person is benefitting from being here but I hadn't expected how much fun it would be. There is so much more laughter and conversation (especially around food) in our house now. Plus the dog is loving all the extra attention.



It's really just not that scary once you get into it and it just feels normal. Just feels like we have somebody else living with us, but that's really nice. I think being with Concrete Rose is a really good, it kind of feels like a cushion if you like, because I know that I'm not alone. I've got someone I can speak to and I know that there's support there if I need it.



Dawn



Daniel and Sarah

We have found it a really interesting experience and it feels like a 'good fit' for us. We are still getting to know our young person and have discovered this isn't a simple linear process but has ups and downs along the way. The training and support provided by Concrete Rose have been excellent. We are learning lots about ourselves and enjoying the challenge so far.



I came into this country as a refugee and I experienced tremendous kindness. I really benefited from people being there for me so I had this idea to support somebody like I was supported. My own wellbeing has just been great; the focus and attention on something other than just work and having that sense of purpose. Please, just do it!



Dalibor



Liz

Don't let anxiety put you off. It's inevitable there's going to be some anxiety about how that's going to turn out but find out more about it. It's a very careful process of conversation and consideration as to whether it's going to work for you. And then a careful process of matching with somebody to live with you. It's not easy all the time, but it's definitely been rewarding.