

### About Ladder St Vincent Street

Ladder St Vincent Street is a Foyer, providing fully self-contained transitional housing and tailored development programs for young people aged 16 – 21 who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness.

Foyers are learning and accommodation centres are designed for young people with the capacity to engage in education and training, but who are prevented from participating due to structural, institutional and/or personal barriers. Foyers aim to assist young people to develop the skills they need to lead fulfilling, independent and productive lives. They achieve this by providing the time, personal attention, mentoring, coaching and access to opportunities needed to develop education and training pathways to employment and independent living. Beyond education and affordable accommodation, Foyers link young people to health, employment, and wellbeing supports, and opportunities for social participation.

Ladder St Vincent Street is a partnership between Housing SA, St John's Youth Services and Ladder. The partnership recognises that young people are the experts about their own lives and have important skills and resources on which to build. Young people are supported to develop sustainable, integrated plans for their lives, including pursuing their aspirations and goals and meeting any identified barriers to further development.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for accommodation at Ladder SVS young people will:

- Be aged between 16 and 21 who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Be engaged in Education, Employment and/or Training or actively working towards this
- Have a regular income (this can include a Centrelink allowance)
- Have the capacity to live independently
- Have the capacity to participate in programs offered and be committed to doing so
- Sign an agreement (the Deal) demonstrating their commitment to participating in the LSVS community and ensuring this agreement continues to be actively reviewed and implemented

### How It Works

- Young people live in their own apartments with the support of a friendly, safe community around them.
- Young people get a personalised plan, developed by them with the help of others that helps them identify and develop their particular talents and skills.
- Young People sign a 12-month independent lease with Housing SA for their own studio apartment. There are 23 single occupancy rooms available.
- Support is 7 days a week inclusive of an allocated Case Worker and Development Coach.
- Service provides strong support to access Education, Training and Work Opportunities as well as mentoring, leadership and health and wellbeing programs.
- A safe, secure, positive, aspirational living environment.

### The Deal

To live in Ladder St Vincent St, young people must sign up to 'the Deal', which is a mutual agreement outlining the commitments between Ladder SVS and them.

*By joining Ladder SVS young people agree to:*

- Be engaged in or actively working towards Employment, Education or Training
- Attend monthly Progress Review meetings and complete agreed tasks
- Engage with support programs including meeting assigned LSVS Case Worker and participating in Ladder Development Programs regularly.
- Meet the obligations of a normal lease.
- Treat others and live in a manner which aligns to our community values
- Enjoy themselves!

*The team at Ladder SVS agrees to:*

- Assist young people to achieve their goals and aspirations
- Provide young people with assistance in the areas of Education, Employment and Training, Accommodation, Health and Wellbeing and Community Connection
- Offer a range of programs and experiences through weekly Ladder Development Program Group Sessions
- Provide support in finding long term accommodation options in preparation for life after Ladder SVS
- Provide young people with a mentor where appropriate
- Treat young people in a manner which adheres to our values

### Preparing young people for Ladder St Vincent St

Ways services can assist in preparing young people for living in or applying for Ladder SVS include:

- Be clear about the expectations of living in Ladder SVS i.e. it is a development program with housing included
- Support them to begin engaging with Education, Employment and/or Training i.e. exploring or connecting with a Job Network Provider
- Support them in obtaining income suitable for living independently (minimum \$400 p/f)
- Support them to develop independent living skills i.e. have a bank account, can purchase groceries, cook own meals, maintain basic household cleanliness
- Empower young people to access services independently i.e. call service to make/cancel appointments
- Explore recreational and/or community interests

### How to Refer

Young people are able to self-refer to Ladder St Vincent Street at any time. We generally ask that they visit us to submit the referral so we can meet them, assist with the form and show them Ladder SVS. Once a vacancy is available, LSVS will contact to confirm current housing situation.

Agency referrals are accepted when there is a vacancy. You'll be notified of a vacancy via email once listed on our Vacancy Database. To be on our Vacancy Database please email [Laddersvsreferrals@ladder.org.au](mailto:Laddersvsreferrals@ladder.org.au).