

Canopy Housing Project



With £7,000 Canopy Housing trained 9 volunteers in practical construction trade skills and kept their base going — a terraced house used as an office and meeting point for staff and volunteers in Harehills.

The volunteers receive “on the job” training whilst they are in the process of renovating a derelict property for one of the homeless volunteers. The volunteers give up their time free to create a new, affordable home for one of the other volunteers. In return staff at Canopy train them in new skills like painting, decorating, plastering and joinery.

Some of the volunteers are young, disengaged people, others have been unemployed for many years and there are also refugee and asylum seekers with nowhere to live. All of these people benefit in a number of different ways whilst providing of their colleagues with a home.

Canopy work in partnership with Leeds City Council who give them the derelict housing stock to renovate, mainly in Harehills and Beeston. During the programme they also have appraisal sessions and receive certificates for their training.

