

# Rock Trust benefits from significant donation



The Letting Protection Service established a charity fund in 2014 and the latest charity to benefit from it is local charity The Rock Trust who have received a donation of £9,600.

The charity helps to provide “vital support” for the young and homeless in Edinburgh.

In conjunction with sister organisations in Northern Ireland, England and Wales, The LPS Scotland established a fund to assist charities that support the homeless and those who need help to live independently.

Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The LPS Scotland, said: “The Rock Trust is a terrific charity that provides really important services to young people in Edinburgh and The Lothians.

“The LPS and our sister organisations have given almost £200,000 to housing charities since the launch of our fund, and we’re really happy to be able to assist such crucial work across the country.”

The Rock Trust’s Nightstop Edinburgh service aims to provide young people between the ages of 16 and 25 years with emergency accommodation for up to two weeks in the homes of approved volunteers.

The LPS Scotland’s donation will help provide 600 nights of “safe, reliable and supportive accommodation” to 150 young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, as well as advice, education and support to build personal skills while avoiding or moving on from homelessness.

Katriona Harding, Fundraising and Events Coordinator at the Rock Trust, said: “Over winter homelessness becomes an even more dangerous and unhealthy threat to young people, and it’s really important that they have safe, warm places to sleep – and be supported as they try to get themselves back on their feet.

“The LPS Scotland’s donation will help us to provide accommodation for even more young people locally as well as help to develop social and practical skills to be active participating members of their community and society

Charities across the UK have benefited from donations from The LPS Scotland and sister organisations, The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) and the LPS Northern Ireland, over the last two years.

Charities focused on the housing sector can apply for funds via The DPS’s website at [www.depositprotection.com/charity](http://www.depositprotection.com/charity). Applications for the next round of awards must be submitted by 31 December 2016.

Photo: Daren King (right), Head of Deposit Protection at The Letting Protection Service (The LPS) Scotland, hands a £9,600 donation to representatives of charity The Rock Trust in Edinburgh.