

Who are we?

The Trussell Trust is a Christian charity aiming to alleviate poverty, deprivation and despair wherever we find it. We are introducing practical, sustainable community projects across the UK and in Bulgaria.

Our mission

To restore dignity and revive hope



Our work in Bulgaria

- The House of Joshua
- Working in Roma communities with projects such as 'give a goat'
- Supporting Lipnitza School
- Giving Christmas Boxes
- Community health projects
- 'Second Chance' - our charity shop

Contact us

We'd love to hear from you

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THE
HOUSE OF
JOSHUA

Equipping young
people for
life



The problem



Despite being an EU country, Bulgaria has one of the **highest rates of orphaned or abandoned children** in Europe

At 18 children living in state institutions are asked to leave. With no state provision for these young people they leave with **no money, no home, no job and no hope**

Official government statistics show that between 2001-2005 only **8** young people leaving state care were able to find paid employment

For many, **crime, drugs and prostitution** become their only means of survival

We believe these young people deserve a brighter future

Our solution

The House of Joshua is a residential training centre working in the Sofia region to break the existing cycle of poverty

We are equipping young state care leavers with the life skills, love and vocational training necessary to give them a better start in life

What do we offer?

- A safe place to live
- A family style atmosphere
- Love, compassion, dignity and hope
- Life skills—e.g. IT, cooking, hygiene, budgeting
- Employment experience
- Links with local employers



Vunka (right) gaining shop work experience

Partnership



We are passionate about partnership. We believe that partnership is vital in making a lasting difference

The House of Joshua partners with local employers who want to see vulnerable young people given a second chance

We are also partnering with The House of Rachel, a new Trussell Trust project modelled on The House of Joshua in the Varna region

The House of Rachel

