

2018
REPORT



*Taking action
to make possible
#nobodysleepingonthestreet*



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Taking meaningful action

Small actions often go unnoticed and they can have unexpected effects.

We see it every day in the Arrels Open Centre, when a person who sleeps on the street worries about a companion who has a problem, or when a volunteer talks to someone who hasn't shared a conversation for a long time. We also notice it when concerned citizens called us because they seen someone sleeping on the street in their neighbourhood.

There are many reasons that make people fall into homelessness. At Arrels we compare it to a spider's web formed by unravelling threads which are related to the person and the society in which we live. When threads begin to spin again and invisible actions happen, someone stops living on the street. We all can have an impact on this spider's web. At Arrels we keep raising awareness; in administration, we keep betting on policies that favour social housing; with the rest of the citizenry, we keep worrying about the neighbours who do not have a home.

WILL YOU TAKE ACTION?

Visit
arrelsfundacio.org/en/2018/
for further information



WE ACCOMPANY

and we guide homeless people towards the most independent situation possible.

WE INFORM

the general public about the problems that poverty can cause around us.

WE DENOUNCE

unfair situations and we provide solutions to administrations and civil society.

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*Thanks to every person
who did not ignore me
when I spent the nights
in that ATM even though
they did not know me*

Manuel, six months sleeping on the street



Challenges of 2019



WE WILL RENOVATE ARRELS' RESIDENCE

to increase the number of accommodations and to make them accessible to a large amount of people who have lived on the street and who need health care.



WE WILL OPEN ANOTHER LOW-THRESHOLD CENTRE

because it is a useful resource which allows people who has lived on the street for many years to have shelter and to improve their situation.



WE WILL DEFEND PEOPLE RIGHTS

with stronger legal counsel for people we already know, and we will guide everyone who lives on the street if they suffer an abuse.



WE WILL CONTINUE GUIDING PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THE STREET

and we will create tools to provide advice about resources in Barcelona.



WE WILL CONTINUE ENDING STEREOTYPES

and breaking every existing prejudice in our society against people who live on the street.

GET INVOLVED

With your help we will achieve #nobodysleepingonthestreet arrelsfundacio.org/en/get-involved/

What did we do in 2018?

We focused our attention on people

2.368

PEOPLE ASSISTED

24% HIGHER THAN IN 2017

1,042 PEOPLE
ASSISTED FOR
THE FIRST TIME

89% men **11%** women

**13,024 PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREET
DURING THE 31-YEAR HISTORY OF ARRELS**



We hit the streets

528 people
visited on the street
5,064 visits

In Barcelona, a thousand people live on the street. In May 2018 we took part in a count organized by the Network of Attention to Homeless People and we found 956 people sleeping rough.



We offered useful services

1,963
people have used Open Centre services (26% higher than in 2017 and 94% higher than 5 years ago).

858
people have used shower services.

1,082
people have used the wardrobe.

566
people have stored their bag.*
*Barcelona does not have public locker services.

We provided housing

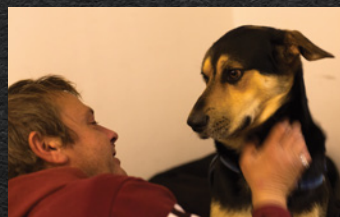
- 239 people
- 71,593 nights of accommodation
- 54% of people who have slept in Flat Zero have improved their situation to a more stable resource.
- 56.29% of the budget to accommodations and social help.

We worked as a team

- 380 volunteers
- 64 workers
- 4,747 members and contributors
- 254 legal entities

Moving forward to make #nobodysleepingonthestreet possible

Dogs in Open centre



In 2018, we gave advice, we created new protocols and we equipped the Open Centre to make it accessible for people with pets.

A workshop with more opportunities



We have extended Arrels' workshop for people to fill the time in a more useful way and to generate new projects and new opportunities.

A play in the Lliure Theatre



We went on stage with *Sis Personatges 'Homenatge a Tomás Giner (Six Characters - A Tribute to Tomás Giner)*, a collaborative play starring people who have lived on the street.

Counting in Catalan municipalities



We helped 11 municipalities organize night countings to find out how many people were living on the street. We also worked on a useful guide about how to conduct a count.

More people sleeping in flats



Citizen cooperation has allowed us to put in place 13 new flats. During 2018, we managed 92 homes, 72 of which are individual.

Exchange of knowledge




We have gone deeply into the knowledge of Housing First model with other European and North American organizations, assessing and sharing knowledge.

Financial transparency


How have we distributed the expenses?

TOTAL EXPENSES:
3,587,712.06€


55.12%
homes and
social support


15.59%
first reception,
basic services
and street teams


13.35%
structure and
volunteering


9.91%
sensitization and
political impact

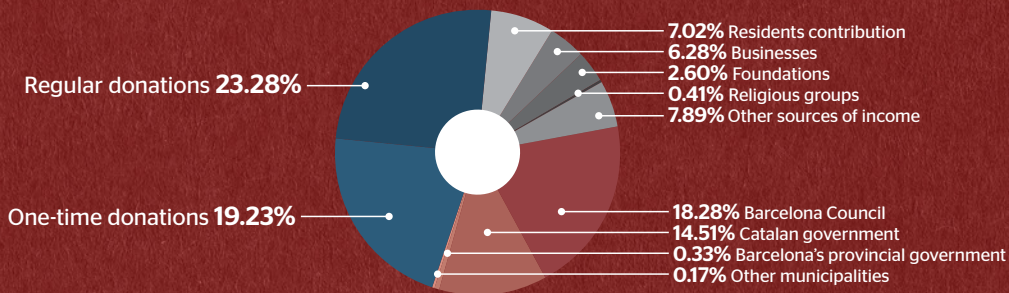

6.03%
occupational
workshop

Where does income come from?

TOTAL INCOME:
3,690,502.60€



66.71% **PRIVATE**
FUNDING
33.29% **PUBLIC**
FUNDING



We count on you to move forward
and to make **#nobodysleepingonthestreet** possible

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