Sheffield Inclusive Recovery City

A Manifesto for a City Where Recovery Belongs to Everyone

Our Vision

Sheffield is a city where recovery from drugs (including prescription drugs) and alcohol is visible, valued, and inclusive. Where every person, community, and institution plays a part in creating the conditions for people to flourish.

We imagine Sheffield as a national example of having woven recovery into the everyday life of the city: in our workplaces, neighbourhoods, schools, public spaces, and cultural life.

Our Mission

Our mission is to change perceptions of addiction, drugs (including prescription drugs) and alcohol. We believe that recovery is everyone's business. Sheffield Inclusive Recovery Cities is a collective initiative that brings together people in recovery, families, community organisations, public services, and civic institutions to build a city-wide recovery ecosystem.

Recovery is not just a personal journey or the sole responsibility of the individual, but also of wider society, and Inclusive Recovery Cities provides opportunities for both. Through partnership, lived experience leadership, and community-led action, we are working to embed recovery into the fabric of city life to create the conditions for healing, dignity, justice, and long-term flourishing.

Our Values

Shared Responsibility - Recovery is not the work of a few; it belongs to all of us. Every person and every institution has a role to play in building a recovery-friendly city.

Lived Experience Leadership - We centre the wisdom, voices, and leadership of people in recovery in shaping decisions, spaces, and services.

Inclusion and Equity - We actively challenge stigma and dismantle structural barriers to ensure recovery is possible for everyone, especially those from minoritised or marginalised communities.

Relational Recovery -We recognise that recovery happens through relationships, trust, belonging, and mutual care.

Place-Based Transformation - We build recovery into the spaces and systems of city life from housing, education, arts, employment, and public services, so that recovery can be sustained everywhere.

Join Us

We invite all who live, work, care, and create in Sheffield to join this movement. Recovery is a community asset, a cultural force, and a shared civic future. Together, we can build a Sheffield where everyone has the opportunity not just to survive, but to thrive.

To find out how to get involved go to www.sheffieldrecoverydirectory.co.uk and click on SIRC or email Tracey.ford@sheffield.gov.uk