



THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR

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Dear Master,

As you will already have heard from The Lord Mayor's Appeal team, we are organising a second **Lady Mayoress's Sleep Out in Guildhall Yard on Thursday 16 March**. With the aim to raise awareness of homelessness in the City, Felicity and I (travel plans permitting) will be sleeping in the open air overnight and we invite you and members of your livery company to brave the cold, give up your comfy bed and join us on the night!

The Sleep Out is an opportunity to experience a small taste of what it's like for the thousands of people sleeping on London's streets every night and to raise funds to support them. There was a 21% rise in the number of people sleeping rough in London between 2020 and 2021, so it's more important than ever to highlight their plight.

Sleepers will need to bring their own sleeping bags, cardboard, waterproofs and warm clothing and will be rewarded with hot drinks and breakfast rolls provided by Pret a Manger on the morning of Friday 17 March. We are aware that there are scheduled rail strikes due to take place but the event will still be going ahead as planned.

Net funds raised will be split 50:50 between the Appeal and The Pret Foundation who tackle hunger, poverty and homelessness in communities local to Pret shops. The registration fee is £25 and minimum sponsorship target £500 per participant, with the fundraising deadline one month after the event. If you are feeling inspired, please do sign up [here](#) or if you have any questions please email events@thelordmayorsappeal.org. If you are unable to join us, you can still support by making a donation via our JustGiving page [here](#). Please do share these details with the members of your company.

However you and your members are able to help, we are so grateful for your support.

With our very best wishes,

The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of the City of London
Alderman Nicholas Lyons

The Lady Mayoress of the City of London
Felicity Lyons