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INTERNAL MEMO

From: University of Brighton International Student Office

To: Dominique Masson, University of Brighton Accommodation Office

Subject: Accommodation for Asian students / URGENT

I have been informed that there are no rooms left in the university halls of residence and the university-owned flats and houses. This is a problem, as we have a new group of 40 Asian students coming to start an eight-month intensive English language course. As you know, the fees for our courses include the classes and also accommodation. **We have to find a solution very quickly as this new course is starting in May.**

We promised these students we would find them a place to live. **Could you please look for alternatives** so that they are housed in a satisfactory manner before the beginning of their language course?

May I remind you that finding the right type of accommodation is just as important as choosing the right course for these international students. These students come from very different backgrounds so we should **avoid creating an even bigger cultural shock.** Remember also that we charge a minimum fee for accommodation so **the solution you find should not be too expensive.**

I hope to get some news by the end of the week.

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Mobile Home Holiday Rentals

Mobile holiday homes are large, static caravans. Though architectural details may be basic, these units are usually well built, contain all the essentials, and offer space for whole families or groups (4 to 6 people). Often outside patios or decks are available with mobile homes as well.

It is possible to rent a mobile home to live in. A mobile home rental provides you with a safe, clean environment to enjoy your holiday and make new friends along the way. Though not often luxurious, mobile home holiday rentals are almost always family friendly, relaxed and comfortable. Mobile homes provide comfortable residences, as well as a host of amenities at their campsites, for a fraction of the cost of staying in a hotel or private accommodation.

Mobile home sites are like small communities so it is important to respect the peace and privacy of your neighbours. Some rules are designed to keep the park a happy, peaceful environment, so make sure you stick to them.

Anti-social behaviour can include things like:

- having TV or music on too loudly
- not keeping pets under control
- allowing your visitors to be a nuisance
- leaving rubbish about the site
- being noisy

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Brighton & surroundings

Green Forest Park ★★

| Open: all year | Tents: 10 | Caravans: 5 | Mobile homes: 12 |

Green Forest Park is a small campsite situated in beautiful, quiet Sussex countryside. The area is surrounded by public footpaths, some lead to excellent local country pubs. Although the site is in the middle of the countryside it is only 6 miles or 25 minutes by bus to Brighton city centre.

The campsite is alive with the sound of birds and has decided this is enough noise. It has a strict policy of no music or radios and no noise after 10 pm. There are toilets, hot showers and washing up areas.

The campsite offers very good value for money, probably the best option for low budgets.

East Valley Caravan Club Site ★★★

| Open: May to Nov. | Tents: 100 | Caravans: 50 | Mobile homes: 50 |

Ideally located just 2 miles east of Brighton, it is only a short distance inland from the Marina and adjacent to extensive recreation grounds. The Marina offers a lively nautical atmosphere and the town itself is easily reached from here by bus.

Most of our mobile homes can be rented on a weekly basis. Discounts can be offered for long rental periods in low season.

There are two big toilet blocks with privacy cubicles and laundry facilities on site.

Seaview Campsite ★★★★

| Open: May to Dec. | Tents: 80 | Caravans: 100 | Mobile homes: 7 |

Seaview Campsite is situated 4 miles west of Brighton. It is an ideal location to enjoy the sea and visit the city. You can walk to town along the coastal path or take the bus.

Caravans and mobile homes belong to the campsite. They can be rented on weekly or monthly basis. There are many facilities available: toilets, hot water, laundry service, internet access, game room, TV room, cafeteria and a small grocery shop.

Prices are slightly higher than in the other campsites nearby but people enjoy more facilities and comfort.
10 September 2009

Ardmore turns shipping containers into student digs

Students could soon be sleeping in old shipping containers transformed into accommodation units by north London contractor Ardmore.

The firm is putting the finishing touches to designs for the student rooms at its offsite fabrication plant in Enfield. Old shipping crates are transformed into single rooms. They are designed to be totally portable and can be stacked up to 12 storeys high because the containers are self-supporting.

Ardmore director James Byrne believes the units will prove a hit in the student sector. He said: "There is a huge demand for student accommodation and we are getting a lot of interest because this is a cost-effective solution."

Shipping containers have already been used to build rooms at a Travelodge hotel in Uxbridge, west London and Container City in London's Docklands contains crates converted into studio space for local artists.

Byrne said: "As far as I know, this is the first time the containers have been adapted for student accommodation in Britain." Production will start in the next few weeks ready for the student rooms to be craned into place on the university site. Byrne adds: "Very soon, we will be able to provide student accommodation within a few weeks or months. That will certainly be a big relief for some universities who struggle to house their students for a reasonable cost. Moreover this is a long-term solution as containers can be used year after year by different students."

The student rooms will be built alongside bathroom pods for the London 2012 Olympics, where Ardmore has secured a contract to provide modules for more than half the 2,800 apartments.
The Intergenerational Association

The growing gap between the young and old is beginning to cause problems. Whereas once the extended family ensured that a vital connection between the younger and older generation was maintained and flourished, our changing lifestyles are increasingly meaning that we are living in more linear age groups. Time and time again, younger and older people tell us about a lack of understanding and real concern about the other generation.

Ministers have pledged £5.5m to support schemes designed to break down age barriers and strengthen communities. Brighton-based association Connect Housing received the support of the government to develop its activities.

James Colfield, president of the intergenerational association Connect Housing explains: “Our association wants to restore the bond between generations. On the one hand, so many elderly people live alone in their big houses eager to have company and on the other hand so many students are desperate to find accommodation. Why can’t they live under the same roof? We have already found 30 retired people willing to share their house with a student or a young person. When young and old come together in a common experience, amazing things can happen with much to be learnt, perspectives and stories shared and new friendships forged.”

Sarah Duncan, member of Brighton City Council added: “This is an excellent opportunity for people at both ends of the age spectrum to meet up and engage on equal terms, learn about what each other has to offer and find out more about how they can live together - and have fun together.”

This initiative responds to the need for a more purposeful approach to building relationships across generations, to bring the generations closer together again, improve understanding and increase the mutual support and respect that this brings.