

**NEWS!**

**The Drop-In Centre in Lyrskovgade is a municipal offer. We are therefore obliged to follow the guidelines issued by the social services. Due to the Danish social legislation, the Drop-In Centre has been stressed only to receive users with a Danish citizenship.**

**We therefore have to inform that the Drop-In Centre in Lyrskovgade as of 1 June no longer may receive users who do not have a Danish social security number.**

**Which means that you as a traveller, job seeking, tourist or similar no longer may use our offer.**

**The Drop-In Centre in Lyrskovgade can therefore only refer this group to the Municipality of Copenhagen's social workers on the street, Hjemløseenheden (The homeless unit).**

EU citizens have the right to stay as tourists in another EU country for 3 months and as job seeking for six months given that they can provide for themselves and they are of no burden to the host country.

**In practice, this means that this group according to the legislation shall not be defined as "homeless" or being in the target group of the Drop-In Centre in Lyrskovgade.**

Persons who are not in the country legally will have right to help which cannot wait until they get back home. It goes for e.g. urgent medical help, etc. It means that the Municipality of Copenhagen does not have statutory power to offer help to Eastern Europeans without legal stay in the country according to the sections about temporary residential accommodation in the Consolidation Act on Social Services. Therefore, the municipal options are limited.

**This also comprises the municipal drop-in centres and thus also the target group of the Drop-In Centre in Lyrskovgade.**

One of the homeless strategy's main goals of minimising the number of people sleeping in the streets also concerns foreign citizens with homeless behaviour.

The Social Services Department wishes to support these people in returning to their native country in order to prevent further social marginalisation. To support this, we should create a framework for the immediate effort which can support foreign citizens' return to their native country.

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*Yours sincerely*

*The staff at the Drop-In Centre in Lyrskovgade*