**UK Recovery Walk 2019 - Note of Interest**

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Suggested Area **Liverpool**

Why your area should host it  
Liverpool was the venue for the first UK Recovery Walk in 2009, partly in recognition of the growth and vibrancy of recovery in the city. Services such as Park View Project, SHARP Liverpool & Genie in the Gutter were all key drivers in the delivery of the first walk.

Despite “Austerity” those original Recovery organisations are still here, thriving and supporting Liverpool’s Recovery walk bid.  
Recovery in Liverpool has continued to grow, and to develop and sustain exciting new initiatives since then such as::

BRINK Liverpool -the City’s first “Dry Bar” a space for sober socialisation and a Recovery hub, (including support for family members of those in recovery AND those still lost in addiction)

Tom Harrison House- the UK’s first residential rehab for Military veterans and “Blue Light” service personnel.

Transforming Choice-a unique service, with a successful track record of supporting long term homeless street drinkers, combining a 2 week alcohol based detox, followed by 12 weeks of rehabilitation and 6 months aftercare.

These services also support Liverpool’s bid. The wider Recovery community continues to grow in Liverpool too. In 2009 we were one of the first places in the UK to develop inclusive “Roots of Recovery “ workshops and to bring people together to demonstrate that : **“There are many routes to Recovery and ALL are a cause for celebration.”**

There are over 100, AA, CA, NA, SMART & Celebrate Recovery, meetings each week in the Liverpool area.

We will work to be as inclusive as possible both in the planning and delivery of the walk .Today we have launched a Facebook Page giving anyone who supports recovery an opportunity to signify support for the Liverpool 2019 Recovery Walk bid

**We believe that it would be a powerful message, visibly demonstrating the sustainability and growth of Recovery, to bring the 2019 UK Recovery Walk “back to where it all began” in Liverpool to celebrate its 10th anniversary**