

## World Homeless Day Reception

I was really excited about this job, for two main reasons. 1) It was for a great cause with an organisation ([Caritas Anchor House](#)) doing amazing work with the homeless in east London for over 5 decades; and 2) it was taking place in the [House of Lords](#). How cool is that?!

The reception was organised by Caritas Anchor House to mark World Homeless Day. Close to 300 guests attended, including the likes of Jeremy Paxman, Julie Etchingham, Sol Campbell, Lord Guthrie, John Armitage and a number of Royalty, Sirs and Ladies.

Paxman in his honest/frank style gave a powerful speech on homeless and praised the charity's effort to provide a sustainable path out of homelessness as "the only answer to a worldwide problem." He went on to say - "Caritas Anchor House does exactly what is needed. Any person who is reconstructing their life, after a period of homelessness, is doing something that is much bigger than anything I've ever had to do."

The other speakers (all of which were fantastic) included Lord Guthrie (our host), Rick Henderson (CEO of [Homeless Link](#)) and Monsignor John Armitage.

Even as I worked the room I was inspired by what I was hearing and will definitely try and become more involved in this worthwhile cause in the future.

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