

Angels are watching over you as you head to the beach this summer!

Street Angels have become the latest team of volunteers to join existing organisations in offering help and support to those visiting Magaluf, Ibiza and Tenerife, as well as across the UK, this summer.

The teams of Angel volunteers don't come with wings and halos but rather bottles of water, first aid kits and maps! Offering practical help and advice they try to ensure that people have a fun and safe holiday. As a result the teams of volunteers have contributed to reductions in violent crime within the night-time scene.

The Street Angels will be patrolling the streets of Majorca's Magaluf resort in a similar style to the 24-7 Prayer In Ibiza team who patrol the West End of Ibiza's San Antonio and The Living Room who are based in Playa de Las Americas in Tenerife.

Street Angels launched in Majorca for the 2013 season working mainly in the resort of Santa Ponca. This year they will be out and about in Magaluf and have the full support of the islands Police, Guardia Civil and the local pubs and clubs.

Cameron Springthorpe, coordinator of Street Angels Spain, comments:

"It has been great to see how well we have been received, and what a difference we can make. We start at 04:00 in the morning onwards as this is when we have found the greatest need. At the moment our team is made up of around 30 volunteers, but we are always looking for more!"

We always have Spanish speakers on each team, so we can quickly and easily liaise with the emergency services and get you whatever help you need. Look out for our High Viz vests and come and say hello!"

Charlie Clayton, who co-leads 24-7 Prayer in Ibiza, comments:

"It is great to see initiatives beginning in other holiday resorts across Spain in what is a vital support in the intense night time scene. 24-7 Teams have been coming to Ibiza since 1999 and have become an established part of the working community here in San Antonio. Having Christians offering prayer and support in one of the party capitals of the world has had huge impact on the people who come here."

Rachel Scott, team leader of the The Living Room in Tenerife, comments:

"Many young adults arrive here seeking adventure and a party lifestyle but sometimes find themselves in very messy situations and need a helping hand."

The Living Room centre, situated in the middle of the infamous nightlife strip of Las Americas, has enabled us to reach out to the working community providing love, support, prayer, practical care and friendship. Many young adults from the community come to chill

out and chat, some however come out of a real sense of need when the party lifestyle gets too much for them.

We believe this is where Jesus would be and are excited to see other bases begin in other holiday resorts.”

Founder of Street Angels, Paul Blakey MBE, says:

“Street Angels and similar initiatives are now a fully integrated part of the night-time scene across the UK. We recognised though that many people visiting resorts across Europe do so to enjoy the clubbing culture - our teams will be available for when things go wrong, or they just need a helping hand”

The three projects can also offer advice and connect you with other services that can offer more relevant help and advice.

The teams run in:

- **Magaluf** between 4am and 8am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday's (with increased days planned for the height of the summer season)
www.streetangels.es / facebook.com/StreetAngelsSpain / @StreetAngelsSP
- **Ibiza** between midnight and 5am in the West End of San Antonio
www.24-7ibiza.com / facebook.com/247ibiza / @247ibiza
- **Tenerife** based at The Living Room centre in Playa de Las Americas
www.thelivingroom.es / @TheLivingRoom8

ANGELS - SAFETY ADVICE

Only take essentials with you when you go to the beach or bars

Use the safe in your hotel, for your passport / cards / mobile, etc.

Write the name of your hotel on something you have with you, your hand if necessary!

Don't swim when you're drunk!

Avoid badly lit / isolated places when possible

Watch out for your friends / stay together or tell them where you're going

Keep an eye on your drinks - don't leave them alone and don't accept them from strangers

Value yourself - you are amazing - don't let anyone treat you otherwise!

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