



# HOPEWEEKEND

21 – 23 June 2024

**HOPE Weekend is an annual social action weekend for church based youth groups from across South Yorkshire and the East Riding. It's a chance for young people to show their Christian faith in action in their communities.**

## **LEADERS' PACK**

# THE WEEKEND

**Friday 21st June | 7-9pm**

Launch & Commissioning  
Powerhouse Church, DN1 2HG

**Saturday 22nd June | 10am-3pm**

Your own location Social Action projects

**Saturday 22nd June | 7-9pm**

Celebration Evening  
Go Bounce! Doncaster or locally

**Sunday 23rd June**

Share highlights and testimonies  
with your own church family



# THE VISION

## **Young Faith in Action**

“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all in what you say, in the way you live, in your love”

Taken from 1 Timothy 4:2

- Empowering young people and helping them see the power of God at work locally
  - Developing their faith through missional work and making it accessible to all
- Being an example to our communities as to what young people can really be like
- Creating new community links locally to churches across South Yorkshire
  - Allowing young people to take ownership of their faith and be a light for Christ in their local community
  - Cementing cross denominational relationships and encouraging new friendships
- Forming links with new churches in South Yorkshire that we haven’t engaged with so they can be supported long term by our youth leaders’ prayer breakfast and hub events going forward

# RISK ASSESSMENTS, INSURANCE, SAFEGUARDING & CONSENT FORMS

Hope Doncaster is organised by the Diocese of Sheffield, Centenary Project, Doncaster Youth Hub.

For the Friday evening launch and Saturday evening celebration we (Centenary Project) will carry out a risk assessment, in addition to the risk assessment from each location (Powerhouse Church and Go Bounce!). We will be covered by the Diocese of Sheffield insurance, the Powerhouse Church insurance and the Saturday evening venue insurance.

However, for the social action projects during the day on Saturday it is the group leader's responsibility to ensure a risk assessment is complete and any activities are covered by your church/group insurance, seeking the necessary permissions from your church leadership team.

If you don't have your own risk assessment template, please use the one provided on our webpage

We are using online booking system for the young people to book on to Hope Weekend which will take the usual details such as name, date of birth, emergency contact details, allergy & medical details, photography consent and who their youth worker is. We will hold these details for the Friday and Saturday evenings, it is best practice to use your own consent form for the Saturday social action.

We will be adhering to the Diocese of Sheffield safeguarding policy. Please ensure you have adequate volunteers to supervise your group at the launch, social action and celebration.

Please only take photographs of the young people in your group that you have consent for, or unidentifiable backs of heads if you take any general photographs.

# SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

It is up to each individual group to organise their own social action project, so the young people take ownership of the project themselves but also because you know how best to serve the community that you are part of.

Some ideas:

- Litter Pick in the community
- Make packs for a women's refuge or similar (this would require some prior fundraising)
- Could you support a project that your church delivers such as a foodbank
  - Any church DIY project
  - Community garden
  - Family fun day
  - Coffee morning/afternoon
  - Arrange a visit to a care home
- Is there a campaign you can be a part of? Speak to your local council, is there anything you could get involved in?



# FAQ's

**How much will it cost?** Taking part in HOPE Weekend is free as we want to make sure mission opportunities are accessible to all. However, if you are able to contribute towards the cost through a donation per place, this would mean that we are able to provide more for those taking part. On the booking system there will be an option to pay £5 or £10 per place if your church is able to.

**Will there be food?** Food will be provided on Friday evening and Saturday evening. Groups should make their own arrangements for during your social action projects.

**What will we get for taking part?** You will get the amazing feeling of being part of something bigger and being part of God's mission. Each participant will also receive a gift on Saturday evening to remember the weekend by and thank them for taking part. Each year we also try to provide t-shirts for everyone taking part. If your young people already have a "HOPE Doncaster" t-shirt, then please wear that to save us costs and to look after our environment. There will be an option on the registration form to say if you need a new t-shirt or are happy to wear a previous year's one.

**How do I sign my group up?** Please email [hubs@centenaryproject.org.uk](mailto:hubs@centenaryproject.org.uk) to let our team know that your group is wanting to take part and roughly how many young people and leaders you will be bringing. Let us know if you need any support (such as needing to join with another group on the Saturday) and we will help wherever we can.

**How do my young people sign up?** Once you have let us know your group is taking part, you can email out the booking page direct to parents and carers to sign up their young people. They will be best placed to know their young people's personal details and which of the weekend's events they can attend. Booking will open after the Easter holidays.

**What are the deadlines for signing up?** The deadline for signing young people up is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. This is so that we have time to order food, t-shirts and confirm all our bookings.

**Why are the launch and celebration venues in Doncaster?** HOPE weekend started life as HOPE Doncaster (see our highlights video) and our heart is still very much in Doncaster. However, we wanted to provide the opportunity for groups who don't relate to Doncaster and wanted to join in despite not living in Doncaster to join us. For this reason our launch and celebration events are in Doncaster, but they are still very much open to those from further afield. Our Friday launch night is accessible by public transport (a 15 minute walk from Doncaster train and bus station). If you want to take part but don't want to come to these events in Doncaster, just let us know.

# GET IN TOUCH

To find out more or to register your group contact us

[hubs@centenaryproject.org.uk](mailto:hubs@centenaryproject.org.uk)

Visit our website for more resources and to view last year's highlights video:

[www.sheffield.anglican.org/support/centenary-project/hope-weekend/](http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/support/centenary-project/hope-weekend/)



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