



HOPEWEEKEND

20-22nd June 2025

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 20th June | 7-9pm

Launch & Commissioning
Heeley Parish Church, S2 3AE

Saturday 21st June | 10am-3pm

Your own location Social Action projects

Saturday 21st June | 7-9pm

Celebration Evening
Location TBC

Sunday 22nd 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 Weekend is organised by the Diocese of Sheffield, Centenary Project, Sheffield 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 (Heeley Parish Church & other TBC). We will be covered by the Diocese of Sheffield insurance, the Heeley Parish 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? We aim to make taking part in HOPE Weekend as low cost as possible. Whilst in previous years it has been free due to funding secured, in 2025 there is a £10 fee per person taking part and a cost of £5 per t-shirt (please encourage your group to reuse t-shirts from previous years). This cost is subsidised by the Centenary Project and goes towards the running costs of the weekend. However, we want to make sure mission opportunities are accessible to all, and if this is unaffordable for your group, please do speak to us as we may be able to help or direct you to grant making organisations (Hollowford Trust and St Agatha's) that will cover the cost.

Will there be food? Hot dogs and doughnuts will be provided on Friday evening, we are yet to confirm arrangements for the Saturday evening. Groups should make their own arrangements for food 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 Weekend" 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 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 or you can complete on their behalf if that works better for you. Booking will open after the Easter holidays.

What are the deadlines for signing up? The deadline for signing young people up is **Friday 23rd May**. This is so that we have time to order food, t-shirts and confirm all our bookings.

GET IN TOUCH

To find out more or to register your group contact us

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/



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