

What's new at Hope Nottingham?



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Merry Christmas from Hope Nottingham



A Christmas Thank You

“Thank you” hardly seems enough to express the gratitude for the enormous generosity we have experienced at Hope Nottingham, especially over the last 2 years. I especially want to thank our many, many volunteers who have worked so tirelessly to bring help where its needed, carrying on cheerfully in spite of constant change and uncertainty. In recent months there has been the added challenge of welcoming people back into cafes and church halls and offering more holistic support, whilst trying to keep everyone safe. At Hope House it has been wonderful to welcome people back in again to join in with literacy classes, job club, parenting courses and friendship groups. Its also been really encouraging to see more of this kind of activity emerge at some of our other

foodbanks/community hubs too. All of our volunteers have done an amazing job.

We have been so blessed with donations of food and finance from so many individuals, churches, schools, businesses. It has been wonderful to have plenty to share so that we can be confident of always having enough to ensure no-one in Nottingham goes hungry.

We're so grateful too, to all those we partner with: Citizen's Advice whose advice and support is so crucial for so many, The Trussell Trust with its nationwide network of support and expertise and The Arches at Trent Vineyard who have done amazing job providing a warehouse and distribution to support all the foodbanks in the city. In the year ahead we will be developing these

partnerships so that more of our foodbanks also have drop-in Advice and debt support sessions. Thanks to the Methodist circuit, we have recently taken over the management of Main St Methodist Church building in order to develop "Hope House Carlton" as a new community hub similar to Hope House in Beeston. We're also working in partnership with Chilwell Parish to develop a community hub at St Barnabas Inham Nook. All of this is only possible because of the phenomenal support we have received. On a personal note I am exceptionally grateful to my very special staff team and the trustees of Hope Nottingham who have all worked so hard and have also supported through such a challenging season. Above all I give thanks and Glory to God: our provider, our saviour and our great Hope. May you know the peace and blessed presence of His Son Jesus this Christmas.

Nigel Adams, Director, Hope Nottingham

Youth Wellbeing Café begins in January

Since lockdown in 2020 my heart has been to provide a safe space for young people who have been struggling with life, especially in these challenging times. Therefore, I am very pleased to announce on January 13th 2022 we will be opening a Wellbeing Cafe for young people in Partnership with Renew Wellbeing.

The Cafe is open to all young people aged between 11 and 17 years of age every Thursday evening - 5pm and 7pm at Hope House in Beeston.

"Renew spaces are simple cafe style spaces run by local churches where hobbies and activities are shared or co-produced. Each cafe space is attached to a quiet room or prayer space where inner habits of wellbeing are

shared. Each church partners with a mental health professional from the local council or other suitable organisation to ensure good inclusive practices for safe spaces where it's OK not to be OK can be sustained." This isn't a Youth club or drop in session but a quiet, safe place for young people to just be, enjoy some activities and food whilst making new friends.


We would love for you to spread the word about this amazing opportunity!


Jade Lewis-Roe, Youth and Community Worker

A successful start to Hope House FOOD Club

Hope's new Food On Our Doorstep food club run on Tuesday afternoons in partnership with Family Action and Beeston Children's Centre has already proved hugely popular. Feedback has been very positive and we already have over 50 members, with around 30 families making use of the club on an average week. Membership of the club costs £1 and members can then buy a box each week for £3.50 which typically contains £10-15 of food. By utilising surplus food provided by FareShare, as well as produce from our own allotment, the scheme helps reduce food waste and provides a source of healthy, fresh, quality food at a low price for local families. Our thanks go to all involved in helping to get the club up and running, particularly our dedicated and hardworking team of FOOD Club volunteers.

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