



ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025

Our Vision

Hope in every home

Our Mission

Project Hope Leeds exists to bring hope and positive change to families, individuals and communities in some of the most disadvantaged areas in Leeds. We create encouraging environments that help local people of various nationalities, cultures, beliefs and languages to meet, to get to know each other's stories and to breakdown some prejudices and boundaries that exist between different groups. We bring people together so that they can learn, form meaningful supportive relationships and help each other flourish in life. We enable people we support to grow in confidence, in parenting skills, in emotional resilience and in various other life skills that help them to create a better future for themselves, their families and their communities! We inspire people to make positive lifestyle choices and help them break the poverty cycle.

Our Work

This year with the help of dedicated staff and a vast army of local and corporate volunteers, we supported 1074 individuals through the following program of activities.

Parenting Courses

We ran two 7-week ***What Can a Parent Do?*** courses for parents of children aged 5-15, attended by 16 parents from a wide range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The outcomes included: improved parenting skills, confidence and a more harmonious family life. 100% of the participants have identified at least 8 specific parenting skills that they have learned and put into practice at home. Parents also reported improved emotional wellbeing, increased confidence in both them and their children, and greater readiness to attend other local courses and groups.

We provided a creche facility, that looked after 14 children, which removed a barrier for parents with young children to attend the course. Creche offered volunteering opportunities for 2 local volunteers and sessional work hours for 2 local residents.

Quotes from parenting course parents

"When my children are fighting each other, I know that I need to listen to them carefully and not to judge and punish the older one"

"I have learned to offer limited choices, active listening skills and giving my children more attention"

"I have learned to listen to my children more and to give them a chance to do more housework"

"The I message has helped me and my children so much more"

"I have learned a lot and the course was useful to me – all of it, especially choices & consequences"

Parenting Course January – March 2025



PEEP Group

We provided two 10-week groups of the **PEEP Group (Parents as Early Education Partners)** for mums, dads, carers, babies and toddlers. The outcomes for the participants included stronger parent-child bonds and increased parental knowledge and confidence in how to support their children's early learning and communication through play and everyday activities that they can do easily and cheaply at home. The group also helped to increase children's readiness for school by enabling them to socialise with other children and involving them in structured activities such as song time and story time. We also provided all the families with extra resources that they can use at home such as – book packs, bath crayons, magnetic alphabet, toothbrushes and toothpastes and cookbooks.

The groups were attended by 27 parents and 31 children. The parents reported increased readiness for school and increased confidence for parents to try new activities at home. We have also seen increased confidence, social skills and vocabulary in children.

Quotes from the PEEP Group Parents

“The PEEP Group has helped my children’s social interaction with other children. I have learned to understand my child’s learning stages and to be more patient”

“I have learned about maths at home with my daughter and routines.”

“I have learned how to talk and play with my son and what are healthy food and snacks for him”.

“I have learned how to help my child to feel their feelings and different methods of playing and approaching my child”

PEEP Group Sept – December 2023



The Playgroup

We have continued to run our regular weekly Playgroup, which this year benefited 55 adults and 76 children, including parents, local childminders and foster carers with babies and toddlers.

The outcomes of the group were increased children’s confidence and social skills and greater readiness for nursery / school. Parents also reported increased emotional wellbeing and mental health, increased confidence in playing with their children, as well as forming new supportive friendships and feeling less isolated and lonely.

Because we saw parents regularly, we were able to promptly address any additional difficulties they encountered without the need for things to escalate. This included one-to one support with issues such as mental health, access to nursery, filling in forms, referrals to a local children centre, sleep

training and weaning advice, information on other local support/activities. We also had regular visits from a DWP Outreach Worker, who offered, benefit, childcare and back to work advice to the parents attending.

Quotes from Playgroup Parent & Child:

“You have had a very positive impact in our lives. We would just like to say a massive thank you”.

“Thank you for singing and dancing with me, helping me to do crafts, letting me play with your toys and giving me tasty snacks. I will miss you all when I go to school in September”.

Playgroup



Surplus Food Collections

Twice a week our staff and volunteers pick up 8-12 trays of surplus foods from Sainsbury's through their Neighbourly surplus food collection scheme. The food is then distributed to parents, local schools and other local projects.

Community Events

This year we ran three large community events enjoyed by 296 unique children and 170 unique adults (some attended more than one event). The community events included an **Easter Community Fun Day** on the 4th April 2024, a **Summer Community Fun Day** on the 22nd August 2024 and a **Halloween Party** on the 31st October 2024.

All the community events were run in partnership with Community Unity, C3 Life Church and based at St Hilda's Church Hall. The events were very well attended and well received by the local community. We also had an army of local and corporate volunteers from organisations such as SKY TV, Turner & Townsend and Irwin Mitchell Solicitors.

The events included entertainment from a DJ, arts & crafts and active games, a bouncy castle and free refreshments for all the participants including full food packs for all the children. Children also took home chocolate Eggs for Easter and candy cones for Halloween.

The events provided opportunities for families to do something fun during school holidays, especially for the families who couldn't afford to go away for holidays this year. They also brought together families from various backgrounds and cultures together to help foster community cohesion and unity.

The Halloween Party was supported by Leeds City Council's Diversionary Activity Fund – with the aim to provide half term activities for local families in the light of firework displays being cancelled and to prevent antisocial behaviour in the local neighbourhoods.

Summer Community Fun Day – August 2024



Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Anchor Network (BRHCAN)

We continue to play an active part in the local network - BRHCAN, where local charities, community organisations and project meet on regular basis to address local needs and inform each other on support / activities offered. All the organisations have access to a digital database and receive regular updates on local activities, courses and support, which allows us to make our beneficiaries aware of the local support available. BRHCAN also distributes supermarket vouchers, to help relieve the pressure of rising living costs.

Christmas Hampers Appeal

This year, with the help of local and corporate volunteers, we delivered 600 special Christmas Hampers during our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. As in previous years, we took referrals from local schools, children centres and other local support agencies and thanks to support from generous donors and donations from local businesses we were able to bring some Christmas cheer to families who were struggling this Christmas.

Special Thanks to: Binary Consultants, Liberty Global and High Speed Training Limited for their generous donations to the Christmas Hampers Appeal; B&M store for helping us shop for hampers items; Galaxy Insulation for providing lorry and fork lift truck complete with Santa to make moving of 7800 items that make up the hampers super easy; IKEA for continuing to supply us with their boxes; The Circuit for allowing us to use their delivery app for free; Milestone for organising a fork lift trolley and disposal of the pallets; Leeds City Council – Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team for collecting and disposing of all the packaging refuse; SKY for sending their engineers to help deliver the hampers; Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, Liberty Global, TRU (East Alliance), ITV, SSE Thermal, High Speed Training, Turner & Townsend and Equans for continually supporting us with the wonderful volunteers.

Christmas Hampers Appeal - December 2024



Christmas Gifts ITV's Emmerdale Partnership

This year Project Hope Leeds and ITV's Emmerdale team joined forces again this Christmas to support families in need with gifts. The Emmerdale team auctioned the costumes from the show and used the proceeds to purchase and deliver gifts to 220 local children. The gifts included a toy, chocolates and pyjamas for each child and wrapping paper, cellotape and pens for the parents to have everything they need to wrap the gifts. Santa delivered some of the toys to our Playgroup and Emmerdale cast and wider team helped to deliver the toys and Christmas Hampers.

Santa's Grotto and Santa's Little Helpers at the Playgroup



Christmas Gifts - ITV's Emmerdale December 2024



Our WHO

Trustees

Richard Harris – International Project Manager, Chartered Accountant

Huei Koh – Business Analyst

Jennifer Seri-Baroan – High School Teacher

Divina Davidson – Health Care Trainer

Mary Tailby – Former Primary School Teacher – HR & Safeguarding Lead (appointed 09/09/2025)

Staff

Gosia Denham - Project Director

Carly Midgley – Administrator / Project Support Worker

Lucy Shaw – Sessional Support Worker

Julie Burrows – Local Mum – Sessional Support Worker

Kirsty Norman – Local Mum – Sessional Support Worker

Izzy Denham – Gymnastic Coach – Sessional Support Worker

Key Volunteers

Azheen Quader – Local Mum - Volunteer

Hannah Cocks - Local Mum - Volunteer

Kirsty Norman – Local Mum – Volunteer

Vithya Ramachandran - Local Mum - Volunteer

Terri Lockwood – Local Mum - Volunteer

We work in partnership with

All Saints Church of England Primary School

Bridge Community Church

Burmantofts Community Friends

C3 Life Church

Community Unity

Coop Oakwood Academy

East /Inner East Extended Schools Cluster

Ebor Gardens Academy

Learning Partnership

Leeds Social Care

Mencap

Middleton Primary School

Refugee Forum

Richmond Hill Academy
Richmond Hill Children's Centre
Richmond Hill Elderly Action
Shakespeare Primary School
St Agnes Church
St Hilda's Church
St Peter's Church of England Primary School
Victoria Academy

We also work with the Ward Councillors and Leeds City Council representatives for Richmond Hill and Burmantofts Ward and other local statutory and voluntary organisations.

Our FUNDERS

In addition to personal regular and one-off donations, our work this year was funded by:

Binary Consultants
C3 Life Church
High Speed Training
Leeds City Council
Liberty Global
Yorkshire Building Society

Our FUTURE

Our plans for 2025-2026 include:

- Training additional volunteers
- Moving into our new home at Ebor Gardens Community Centre (Leeds City Council community centre set for Community Asset Transfer)

PROJECT HOPE LEEDS ACCOUNTS

For the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Project Hope Leeds – Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Project Hope Leeds
Trustees:	Huei Koh Richard Harris Jennifer Seri-Baroan Divina Davidson Mary Tailby – appointed 09/09/2024
Charity Number:	1199028
Registered Address:	The Workspace 21A Upper Accommodation Road Leeds LS9 8RZ
Bankers:	Co-operative Bank Po Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Structure Governance and Management

The charity operates as a registered charity in England and Wales – registration number 1199028.

The charity is governed by the Constitution administered by the Trustees. The trustees who served during the year were: Huei Koh, Richard Harris & Jennifer Seri-Baroan, Divina Davidson, Mary Tailby (Appointed 9th September 2024). There are at least 3 trustees at any time. When a vacancy occurs, the trustees note the fact in the minutes of their meeting, the trustees then discuss a possible candidate with relevant experience and commitment. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee is appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

Objectives

The objects of the CIO are:

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Leeds and other surrounding areas, without distinctions of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, to promote and protect good health, to relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time

occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants, in particular but not exclusively by:

- 1) By providing advice guidance and training to address basic educational needs in order to help people overcome the poverty cycle, face life controlling issues or rehabilitate people back into society;
- 2) By implementing school programmes to assist in the advancement of young people in life;
- 3) By helping families improve their condition of life by address parenting skills, educational needs and lifestyle choices;
- 4) By providing emergency food hampers and meals

Financial Review

The charity's financial policy is to hold up to half of its annual income in reserves, to fund shortfalls in income and/or unexpected expenditure. At the year-end 31st March 2025 the charity had £40,558 of unrestricted reserves.

With regards to its assets, the charity's financial policy has adopted the straight-line method of depreciation as follows:

- Computers – asset life of 5 years
- Projectors – asset life of 7 years
- Stainless Steel Kitchen Equipment – asset life of 10 years

Project Hope Leeds - Receipts and Payments Accounts 2024 – 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Receipts				
Binary Consultants	£ 36,000		£ 36,000	£ 36,000
Standing Order Donation	£ 3,166		£ 3,166	£ 2,792
Local Giving Donations	£ 54		£ 54	£ 624
Sky Betting	£ 6,050		£ 6,050	
C3 Life Church	£ 5,000	£ 10,000	£ 15,000	
Leeds City Council	£ 4,700	£ 3,185	£ 7,885	£ 480
General One Off Donations	£ 300		£ 300	£ 600
Gift Aid Claim	£ 1,246		£ 1,246	
Christmas Hampers Donations		£ 12,201	£ 12,201	£ 9,094
High Speed Training Ltd		£ 600	£ 600	
Yorkshire Building Society	£ 1,000		£ 1,000	
Liberty Global		£ 2,500	£ 2,500	
HMRC - Maternity	£ 5,807		£ 5,807	£ 5,525
Income from Activity	£ 400		£ 400	
HATCH Local Care Partnership (NHS)				£ 4,800
Amazon Smile				£ 49
Sainsbury's Helping Everyone Eat Better				£ 5,000
Wades Charity				£ 5,000
Receipts Subtotal	£ 63,723	£ 28,486	£ 92,209	£ 69,964
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last Year
Payments				
Charitable Activity Costs	£ 5,746	£ 17,862	£ 23,608	£ 22,052
General Running Costs	£ 1,679		£ 1,679	£ 4,834
Salaries	£ 42,085	£ 14,278	£ 56,363	£ 48,810
Equipment / Repairs & Maintenance	£ 992		£ 992	£ 1,036
Payment Total	£ 50,502	£ 32,140	£ 82,642	£ 76,733
Net of Receipts / (Payments)	£ 13,221	£ (3,654)	£ 9,567	£ (6,769)
Cash Funds Last Year End				
Unrestricted Funds Brought Forward	£ 27,253		£ 27,253	£ 33,618
Wades Charity Brought Forward		£ 4,235	£ 4,235	
Hampers Donations Brought Forward		£ 711	£ 711	£ 180
Leeds City Council Brought Forward		£ 3,306	£ 3,306	£ 3,932
Jimbo's Fund Brought Forward		£ 19,720	£ 19,720	£ 19,720
HATCH BF		£ 515	£ 515	
Coop Brought Forward				£ 1,088
M&S Community Fund Brought Forward				£ 610
Sir George Martin Trust Brought Forward				£ 1,080
The Brelms Trust Brought Forward				£ 2,280
Cash Funds Last Year End Subtotal	£ 27,253	£ 28,486	£ 55,740	£ 62,508
Cash Funds This Year End	£ 40,475	£ 24,832	£ 65,307	£ 55,740

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period		
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds
Cash Funds		
Bank	£ 40,475	£ 24,832
Petty Cash	£ 83	£ -
Total Funds	£ 40,558	£ 24,832
Physical Assets	Current Value	Cost
Computers	£ 1,925	£ 2,793
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	£ -	£ -
Other	£ 94	£ 156
Total Physical Assets	£ 2,019	£ 2,949
Liabilities		
People's Pensions - Pension Contributions Mar 25	£ 233	
Lamplight - Mar 25 DB Hosting	£ 33	
Mencap - Room Hire Mar 25	£ 535	
HMRC - Tax & NI Contributions Mar 25	£ 539	
Wagemate - Payroll Processing Mar 25	£ 48	
Total Liabilities	£ 1,388	

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report and Receipt and Payments Accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charities Trustees

Signature: Divina Davidson

Signature: Mary Tailby

Full Name: Divina Davidson

Full name: MARY TAILBY

Position: Trustee

Position: TRUSTEE

Date: 11.1.2026

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Project Hope Leeds

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1199028

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

N. N. Crosby

Date:

6/1/2026

Name:

NIGEL CROSBY

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