

Humber Open Arms

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About Humber Open Arms	<p>Humber Open Arms was established in 2023 to help promote social inclusion, unity, community cohesion, and work to relieve financial hardship for the Congolese and BME communities in Hull and East Yorkshire. We achieve our aims through delivering projects and activities that focuses on developing employability skills, Sports activities, Cultural events, education, and other practical support offered in our drop-in sessions held every week at our charity office.</p>
Summary of the main achievements for the charity in the past year 2024/2025	<p>In the past year, Humber Open Arms continued to expand its activities and strengthen its presence within the local voluntary and community sector. The charity now operates from its own independently rented office space following the closure of Spring Bank Community Centre by the local council in 2025. Securing our own premises represents an important milestone in the organisation's development and provides a stable and welcoming base for delivering services and supporting beneficiaries.</p> <p>We deliver a range of projects, workshops, and weekly drop-in sessions focused on employability, wellbeing, community engagement, sports, cultural activities, practical support, and social development. Over the past year, we introduced several new short-term community projects designed to respond to the needs of the wider Hull community.</p> <p>The new initiatives include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Afro-hair training and practical workshops aimed at helping participants develop basic afro-hair care and styling skills while promoting cultural awareness and inclusion.• A weekly Morning Coffee Project held every Friday, providing a safe and friendly social environment where people can meet, enjoy refreshments, reduce loneliness, and participate in light recreational activities such as

	<p>darts and board games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Space, a dedicated women-only support project led by professional nurses, offering a safe and supportive environment for women to discuss issues relating to mental health, wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, physical activity, and personal development while encouraging peer support and confidence building. <p>Humber Open Arms management committee have also undergone training including First Aide at work, Safeguarding for vulnerable adults and young people, bid writing training to strengthen the charity's governance</p>
Summary of our main objectives and plans for charity in the coming year 2027	<p>We aim to continue building on the progress achieved during 2025/2026 by strengthening the organisation's sustainability, increasing community engagement, and expanding the range of support available to beneficiaries.</p> <p>Looking ahead, the board of trustees that governs Humber Open Arms plans to continue growing the charity in a sustainable and financially stable manner. We will focus on securing additional grant funding as it has proven to be a challenge in the past year, developing new fundraising opportunities, and increasing public awareness of the organisation and the services we provide across Hull and the Humber region to support the long-term stability and future development of the charity.</p> <p>The trustees remain committed to ensuring Humber Open Arms continues to grow as a trusted, inclusive, and community-led organisation that positively impacts the lives of individuals and families across Hull and the Humber region. We hope to continue developing and expanding the successfully introduced community projects, including the Morning Coffee Project, Women's Space, and our Afro-Hair Training Workshops. We aim to increase participation, reach more beneficiaries from diverse backgrounds, and continue creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces that promote wellbeing, confidence, skills development, and social inclusion.</p>