



Hope MK is a week-long mission initiative which seeks to get young people putting their faith into action and serving God by serving the people of Milton Keynes through social action & community building activities. God has hugely blessed our efforts for the last two years as we've worked with over 200 young people in partnership with 23 churches & many organisations and communities across the city.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**How can you/your church play a part in the success of this year's Hope MK event?**

This year we have a number of new partner churches & organisations on board, a great new venue which offers much greater flexibility, and registrations from young people are gathering pace (currently 78% are returners who've had an amazing experience in previous years). But we're still in need of support to ensure the event is a success...

**Financial Support**

We've been well supported over the last two years by churches, individuals & organisations. Over half of the costs have been met by donations, and a third from the registration fee we charge young people. In the first year we saw churches/individuals give just over £10,000 to make it happen. This year the event is growing (praise God!) but understanding the difficult financial times we've not anticipated any increase in donations. Instead we've budgeted to run on the same level of support as last year. We're just starting to make financial commitments (booking transport, etc), but so far have only received 25% of the funding we require. The event is fast-approaching, and soon we'll have to consider scaling back our plans in order to live within our means. Please consider whether you or your church is willing & able to make a donation to help the success of the event.



**Projects Support**

We work in partnership with Churches to run projects during the afternoons, from Monday to Thursday, on which the young people serve. You provide a project and we provide a team of enthusiastic young people. Is there a project you've wanted to run in your local community, but lacked the people to do it? We have some funding available which may assist you. Do you or your church have a particular interest in or passion for MK Foodbank, Urb Farm, MK Hospital? We've worked with these organisations and they're keen to host projects teams during Hope MK – we just need churches/individuals to 'adopt' them and make the final arrangements.



## Prayer & Pastoral Support



Through the week we have a small team providing prayer & pastoral support the whole Hope MK team. They are available to listen to, pray with & chat to the young people & volunteers as they respond to the teaching, worship & as they step out in practical service. Could you be part of the team?

## Young People



Please encourage your young people to join us for an amazing week where they will grow in faith & confidence, make great new friends, and see God at work in & through them. One young person said: *'it has been a life-changing experience'*

## Volunteers



Can your church/home group/friends organise and provide a lunch or evening meal? We'll cover the costs and provide the facilities you need. But you'll need to do the shopping, preparation & cooking. Could you organise a team to help clear & wash-up after an evening meal? Could you provide logistical support through the week, assisting the core team as we organise the teams, projects, transport, etc.? Could you join one of our project teams for an afternoon to lend a hand? Our adult volunteers have been transformed by their experiences as much as the young people.

If you or your church can support us in any way and help make this year's event a success, please get in touch: [hello@hopemk.com](mailto:hello@hopemk.com) // More info at: [www.hopemk.com](http://www.hopemk.com)

Hope MK is a partnership of churches, organisations & Christians from across Milton Keynes, with a vision to see the love of God shared with the people of our city, and many people having an encounter with the God who knows them and loves them – with young people leading the way!

*One Lord  
One Church  
One Hope*

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