

Inspiration for churches

Ideas for churches to find out more about Hope UK

Equipping your church

Hope UK is keen to equip your church to get more involved in preventing drug-related harm through increased awareness and skills.

'Inspiration for churches' and bits and pieces attached are packed with ideas for your church to consider.

If you would like to highlight the work of Hope UK in a fun way, why not arrange a **coffee morning, garage sale, clothes swap** or **alcohol-free bar**?

Please ask Hope UK for relevant pack and you're ready to start!



Be a Champion Church

Does this describe your church?

- A church with a commitment to and investment in young people as part of the church, now and in the future.
- Involved in their community
- A serving church
- Know that individual Christians and churches can make a difference to society's problems

Become a Champion Church! Here are some ideas of what you could do:

- Pray for Hope UK nationally and for your local team.
- Host sessions and provide information to other churches, community groups and individuals about Hope UK sessions.
- Support Hope UK financially on a regular basis. We rely almost exclusively on donations from individuals, churches, organisations and trusts.
- Be on the lookout for people who are called to become educators.
- Commission a Church Representative to coordinate with Hope UK.

Hope UK

During 2016, Hope UK is running advertising campaigns, fundraising events and a Hope UK weekend, in order to highlight the importance of drug prevention and get more people involved in our work.

How money helps

Money raised by Hope UK is used to train new voluntary Drug Educators, develop Generation Hope, equip our trained Educators

Each year we also run an annual Conference to provide Educators, trustees and staff with an opportunity for networking, prayer, worship and update of training.

Children and youth

Hope UK works with all ages. We have enclosed information about our youth branch Generation Hope.

If the children's and youth workers in your church would like to discuss ways in which we can work together, please contact Hope UK to arrange a meeting.

Topics covered in Hope UK sessions:



Host a session

Would you like your church to be better equipped in the area of drugs and alcohol? Hope UK offers sessions on a donation basis, covering topics you can see on this page, and much more.

Why not ask for someone from Hope UK to deliver a short (5 minutes) presentation about the charity to enable people to decide for themselves if and how they would like to support the work to enable young people to make drug-free choices?

Hope UK Drug Educators, staff and Generation Hope members all have their story to tell about why they are involved in drug prevention.

Why not include testimonies like these in your Sunday service or weekday event?

Contact Hope UK to find out who your nearest Drug Educator is, and book them for your church.

Save the date!! Hope UK weekend 7-9 October 2016

For the first time ever, Hope UK will gather all its forces and work as one body to raise our profile by delivering drug education and/or fundraising all around the country on the same date.

Please consider how your church can include Hope UK during your activities this weekend! This is the time to do a collection for the work of Hope UK or book an Educator to visit your church!

More info to follow, but **please save the date!**

1. Decision-making

Considering our choices and the values that motivate us

2. Drug awareness

Learning about the effects of drugs

3. Drugs and the law

Discovering what is legal and illegal

4. Dealing with peer pressure

It can be hard to say no

5. What is a drug?

Drugs are all around us...

6. Signs of drug use

How to spot a drug user and what to do if action is required

Detached work

Hope UK also delivers drug awareness through 'detached work', which means that we stand on a high street, market, shopping centre or in a church hall—talking to those passing by about drugs, alcohol and lifestyle choices.

Would you like a Hope UK educator to run a stand after church, at a fair or a community event?



Pray!

Hope UK's work is totally depending on God's grace and we need prayer! Our most recent Prayer diary has been enclosed, and if you give us our details we will send you regular updated versions.

Why not organize a specific meeting to pray about the drug-related issues in your community, the work of Hope UK and ask God to show you if there are ways your church can get further involved in the work of Hope UK.

Gift aid

As long as the person giving money is a UK tax payer, the Government contributes 25p for each pound we raise for Hope UK.

Please note that in order for this to happen, we need to get their signature specifically saying they want us to claim Gift aid on the amount they have donated.

Use forms provided to ensure you get the right information and signatures.

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