



A Message from our Patrons

In 2024, The Rt Hon, the Baroness Winterton of Doncaster DBE stepped down from her role as DHYP's Patron. We'd like to say a huge thank you for her incredible support of, and commitment to, DHYP over the last few years.

We are also thrilled to announce that Lee Pitcher, MP for Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme, and Sally Jameson, MP for Doncaster Central are now DHYP's joint patrons. Both have a keen interest in homelessness and young people and we are eager to see what we can achieve together. Here's what Lee and Sally had to say:



"Shortly after being elected MP for Doncaster Central, I was delighted when I was asked to become a joint patron of DHYP alongside my colleague Lee Pitcher MP. In my first few months of being a patron, I've seen firsthand the amazing work that the charity does by providing crucial services for young people in Doncaster to help them live independently. I'm looking forward to continuing my work with DHYP and championing them through my work in Parliament."

"There will always be a time in our lives where we will feel vulnerable. I can tell you, there is no worse a time I've faced, than when experiencing homelessness as a child. To leave your home one day, and never return back, can be heartbreaking. Doncaster Housing for Young People is there at that most challenging of times. They provide a safety platform on which to restart, rebuild, and most importantly, "re-hope!" That's why it's a dream to be involved with such an invaluable organisation, with a blooming brilliant team, where young adults can get that help, support, encouragement and ultimately, thrive."

Outreach Wellbeing

2024 saw the launch of DHYP's Outreach Wellbeing Service and introduced our young people to many new activities. These included creative writing, metal embossing and silk painting to name just a few, as well as providing opportunities for our young people to give back to the local community.

Thanks to funding from National Lottery and Places for People, this service will continue to expand throughout 2025, with a primary focus on improving mental health and wellbeing and living a healthy lifestyle. Sessions planned for 2025 include self-defence, healthy cook and eat sessions and outdoor nature sessions to boost mindfulness.

These sessions are having a positive impact on our young peoples sense of wellbeing with one young person saying "I think I speak for the other young people when I say that we love it and hope it stays to make us happy".



"It's given me and lots of others the chance to learn creative skills we haven't before"



Newsletter

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Thank you!

We received an amazing £54k in grant funding and donations during 2024. Thank you to every single individual and organisation who has supported us – we are incredibly grateful.

Thank you also to all those who have supported us in other ways by donating physical items, volunteering and helping to raise awareness of our services and activities.

Your support, in every form, is invaluable and helps us to continue our mission, transforming lives and helping young people to access a brighter future.

2024 Figures

- Received advice and guidance – 201
- Counselling & Wellbeing hours offered – 668
- Wellbeing Hubs provided – 51
- Wellbeing hub attendances – 215
- Service user involvement activities – 21
- Volunteer hours given – 851 hours
- Donations – £54,000 (rounded)

2025 Initiatives

- Acquisition of a third shared house
- Expansion of the Counselling and Wellbeing Service and our Outreach Wellbeing activities
- Expansion of our Volunteer base
- Exploring options for Ofsted approval
- Facilitating The Freedom Programme

Client Corner

As part of their creative writing sessions, our young people created a poem about their experiences of DHYP, an extract of which is included below.

The full poem can be viewed on our website at www.dhyp.org.uk

*“Young minds, young people, you can be anything you want to be here
The feeling of belonging
like being wrapped up in a warm blanket
no matter where you come from or your background DHYP holds a special place in many people’s hearts
Changing lives and making us who we are today”*

Author – DHYP’s Young People, October 2024

New Faces

We are delighted to have welcomed several new faces to DHYP throughout 2024, including new Trustees Peter Norman and Paula Rylatt and several college and university students on placements. We’ve also welcomed new Hosts to our Supported Lodgings Service, who will play a pivotal role in the lives of young people, by providing them with a safe home on their journey towards independent living.

We’ve collaborated with Jewson and VolkerRail, whose employees have dedicated their time and energy in the form of corporate volunteering and we’ve teamed up with Club Doncaster and People Focused Group to raise crucial funds.

We are also extremely honoured to have been chosen by Tegel Contractors and St Leger Inner Wheel as their Charity of the Year.

Thank you all for your time, commitment, enthusiasm and expertise in supporting DHYP and our young people.

With special thanks to our Funders:

City of Doncaster Council, National Lottery Community Fund, The Oliver Borthwick Memorial Trust, The Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust, Places for People, Well Doncaster and DCLT

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