

# hope & social

**2014 is a huge year for Hope & Social, a six-piece Leeds band-like-no-other.**

Chosen to write and record the official Yorkshire Festival 2014 song, The Big Wide, Hope and Social have now completed the epic Tour of Infinite Possibility (TIP). Creating A Band Anyone Can Join along the way they played 12 gigs in 12 Yorkshire towns over 2 weekends, on a cycle-powered stage, marching around the route of the Grand Depart.

Impossible, right? Well, nearly, but not quite for Hope and Social seem unable to lie down and know when they're beaten! The project triumphed, smashing expectations and winning the hearts of thousands. So successful/lucky have Hope & Social been in this their 6th year together, they were invited to play at Leeds Arena at the Opening Ceremony of the Tour de France – a landmark event, broadcast live to millions worldwide on 3rd July, and the biggest in its 111-year history. What could possibly go wrong?

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What the press said about H&S...

**"a big sound from this impressive outfit...inspired, anthemic, great"**

Q magazine

**"Brilliant, uplifting and inclusive. That was amazing, here's your cheque"**

Michael Eavis, Glastonbury Festival

**"they were born for their role as Yorkshire's musical Le Tour ambassadors."**

Graham Chalmers, Harrogate Advertiser [Read article: <http://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/what-s-on/gigs-music/hope-and-talent-brings-success-to-indie-band-1-6546488>]

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What 'the people' said about TIP...

**"After over twenty years, I've found my (singing) voice again. And it feels pretty incredible."**

Kelly Herdrich, participant in Harrogate [Read blog: <http://kellywithoutanet.wordpress.com/2014/06/09/in-which-i-find-my-voice/>]

**"You are quite possibly the loveliest people in the world to get out of your comfort zone with"**

Susan Carey, participant in Otley

**"I still haven't stopped grinning like an idiot at the sheer delight of being part of TIP"**

Hilary Denham, participant in Otley

**"We had a ball! Thank you for allowing us to be part of your amazing journey."**

Helen Jameson, participant & Headteacher



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