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## Be Part of The Yorkshire Tour of Infinite Possibility

As part of the Yorkshire Festival 2014, Leeds band Hope & Social will be marching their special brand of heart-on-the-sleeve music around the route of the Grand Départ on a Tour of Infinite Possibility (TIP), gathering 100's of new band members along the way. And this is A Band **Anyone** Can Join!

Yorkshire Festival 2014 is the first ever arts festival to precede the Grand Départ in its 111 year history. Nearly 50 events have been selected to be officially part of Yorkshire Festival 2014, which will also include hundreds of fringe events.

Hope & Social have performed live over 1000 gigs nationwide. Their success has been underpinned by their unique talent for bringing people together, and The Tour of Infinite Possibility is set to inspire, delight, and ignite communities across Yorkshire this spring. With drums and voices, hearts and souls Hope & Social will gather new members as they tour, forming A Band Anyone Can Join (ABACJ). Then together with their new band mates they will play 12 shows in 12 magnificent Yorkshire locations... on their brand new cycle-powered stage!

Over 200 miles and doing 3 gigs per day Hope & Social and ABACJ will laugh in the face of impossibility, rocking into market squares and sports grounds, taking over village halls and school fields, making the biggest noise and creating the biggest party they possibly can.

The towns that are currently on the provisional TIP schedule are: *Harrogate – Ripon – Masham – Hawes – Grassington – Otley – Knaresborough – Addingham – Keighley – Ripponden/ Elland – Holmfirth – Sheffield.*



To make all this work, Hope & Social need help! This is **A Band Anyone Can Join** and they want to fill their stage with the lovely people of Yorkshire. This can include brass bands, singing groups, football teams, scout troops, primary schools, even a bunch of mechanics who've always fancied being a male voice choir, or a bowls club who'd love to learn the ukulele. Or those that just fancy bringing their bike down and helping to power the stage! In fact, the wilder and crazier, the better.



It really doesn't matter if someone teaches an instrument or has never played one before; this is the tour where anything is possible.

Those that want to be involved in this extraordinary project, or want to suggest a group they should work with, can fill in the Form of Infinite Possibility on the website and the band will be in touch. Recruitment will begin in March, workshops will take place in April & May, and the carnival-style gigs will happen over 2 weekends in June (7/8 & 21/22).

Each gig will also be recorded and an album of the songs will be released at the end of The Tour.

Finally - as if all of this excitement wasn't enough - Hope & Social have also written and recorded the Yorkshire Festival 2014 song, 'The Big Wide'. The song will be played across the Festival by brass bands, children's choirs and even a bike orchestra. It's totally free to listen, download, share, use, re-write, honk out on a car horn...do whatever with! Hear the song and see the cycling-themed video at [www.hopeandsocial.com/tip](http://www.hopeandsocial.com/tip).

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### **Editors notes:**

High resolution images are available.

### **About The Tour of Infinite Possibility (TIP)**

The Tour of Infinite Possibility (TIP) is a project by Hope & Social with Grassington Festival. The project team also includes Shot By Sodium, a team of acclaimed photographers and filmmakers based in Leeds.

The Tour of Infinite Possibility is a Yorkshire-wide roll-out of a similar A Band Anyone Can Join (ABACJ) project delivered at Grassington Festival in 2013, where Hope & Social brought together people of all ages from ten local Grassington groups to form a band in six weeks. This newly-formed band of 50 performed on the opening weekend in one of its principal venues. Website: [www.hopeandsocial.com/tip](http://www.hopeandsocial.com/tip) | Facebook: [www.facebook.com/hsTIP](http://www.facebook.com/hsTIP) | Hash Tag: **#hsTIP**



### TIP Tour Gig Dates

- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Tour Day 1 – Otley, Grassington, Hawes
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Tour Day 2 – Masham, Ripon, Harrogate
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Tour Day 3 – Knaresborough, Addingham, Keighley
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Tour Day 4 – Ripponden/Elland, Holmfirth, Sheffield

*NB - Locations may change.*

### About 'The Big Wide'

Download the audio: <https://hopeandsocial.bandcamp.com/track/the-big-wide>

Watch the video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4nLCmnwUqs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4nLCmnwUqs)

### About Hope and Social

Hope and Social are a band that hails from Yorkshire who tour nationally. Their success has been underpinned by their unique talent for bringing people together and inspiring them to have fun and make art. Among their many achievements they have created "A Band anyone Can Join", cooked for seventy fans in their studio, organised an open-top bus tour to the seaside for a show on the beach, curated a magical garden party and brought together some of Leeds' finest home-grown food, ales and independent artists, spread Christmas cheer from Leeds Town Hall steps in their Snowball and let 500 handmade blackbirds fly free. It's all online to see and it was all only possible because four, five, fifty... five-hundred people came together to make things happen. Website: [www.hopeandsocial.com](http://www.hopeandsocial.com)

### About Grassington Festival

Grassington Festival is a multi-artform annual festival based in the Yorkshire Dales. It is a charitable, not for profit organisation established in 1980. Website: [www.grassington-festival.org.uk](http://www.grassington-festival.org.uk)

### About Yorkshire Festival 2014

Yorkshire Festival 2014 is 100 days of art and culture ahead of this year's Yorkshire Grand Départ. It will run from 27th March to 6th July. Yorkshire Festival 2014 is backed by Welcome to Yorkshire, Yorkshire Water and the Arts Council England as well as Local Authorities across the county. Website: [www.festival.yorkshire.com](http://www.festival.yorkshire.com)

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