

# 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, they took the anthem on a **Tour of Infinite Possibility (TIP)**, creating **A Band Anyone Can Join** along the route of the Grand Depart. Then they played 12 gigs in 12 Yorkshire towns over 2 weekends, on a cycle-powered stage.

Impossible, right? Not for this band. They are 'the people's band' and the project triumphed, smashing expectations and winning the hearts of thousands.

So successful have Hope & Social been in this their 6<sup>th</sup> year together, they were invited to play at Leeds Arena at the **Opening Ceremony of the Tour de France** – a star-studded landmark event, broadcast live to millions worldwide on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, and the biggest in its 111-year history.

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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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