

# The **BIG** **HOPE**

Global Youth Congress



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## The Big Hope 2 – for Young Leaders aged 16–35.

In 2008, Liverpool Hope University hosted 'The Big Hope Global Youth Congress' - the University's celebration of Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture. International delegates enjoyed a programme of inspirational keynote lectures, events and activities across the City.

One of the lasting outcomes of The Big Hope was the signing of the Liverpool Declaration in which we made a commitment to reprise The Big Hope in 2018. 10 years after the first event, we will recognise the successes and achievements of the original participants and involve and inspire a new generation of young people.



2008 guest speakers included Cherie Booth QC, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, and former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese.

### The Big Hope 2008

- 800 international delegates
- 63 nations represented
- 21 keynote addresses with audiences ranging from 300-800
- 18 forums with 84 contributors, included panels of international, national and local speakers, Q&A and debate sessions. Many were sponsored by external organisations.
- Teams of multi-national delegates worked on substantial performance and community service-based tasks that had a tangible legacy. Outputs included the *Big Hope Big Concert* at the Philharmonic Hall, a photography exhibition, design and painting of superlambananas, poetry, art, speeches, a daily newspaper, jazz group and gospel choir.

## The Big Hope 2

The Big Hope 2 aims to bring 1,000 young people together to hear from a range of speakers, to be part of powerful discussions and meaningful conversations on a range of themes, and to inspire them to become leaders in a changing world.

### The vision of The Big Hope 2 is to:

- Address ideas of global significance, such as **freedom, conflict, equality and change.**
- Profile the experience of leaders at the forefront of local, national and international challenges to inform discussion.
- Bring young leaders together to have powerful and meaningful conversations.
- Inspire other young people to become leaders in a changing world and to recognise their individual and collective responsibilities.
- Consider what the changing world means to the lives of young people.
- Give opportunities for practical interventions and learning toward the greater good.

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My future. **Our future.**

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 The Big Hope 2

# What is The Big Hope 2?

The Big Hope 2 is an international gathering of young people whose energy, ideas and drive will see them become the influencers and shapers of the future!

Drawn from around the world, our delegates will have the passion and potential to make a difference to their communities as future leaders - locally, nationally and on a global scale. This could be in business, community development, education, faith, politics, sport or culture. The Big Hope 2 aims to inspire and support them at this stage in their journey.

Building on the legacy of The Big Hope 2008, the 2018 conference will form part of the City's official European Capital of Culture 10 year anniversary celebrations, in partnership with Liverpool City Council and Culture Liverpool.

## Where

Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool,  
L16 9JD, England, UK.

## When

Wednesday 13th – Wednesday 20th June 2018

## Who is it for?

- People aged 16-35 (18+ for residential) with a passion for social change
- Young professionals who aspire to leadership
- Young adults volunteering or working in their communities
- Those in the early stages of their career, with leadership potential, or colleagues with more experience who want to develop their management and leadership skills, and take the next step in their career
- Apprentices and graduates
- Young entrepreneurs who have set up/aspire to set up their own business
- University students (undergraduate and postgraduate level) and Further Education students.

## Why should delegates attend?

- The chance to learn from inspirational speakers and specialists sharing their experiences
- Opportunities to interact with individuals and organisations from different parts of the world, to identify shared or unique challenges and learn from each other
- Participate in practical workshops to develop a range of interdisciplinary skills in new settings
- Consider what the changing world means to the lives of young people
- Understand how our own actions can impact others and vice versa
- Work with other young adults in a unique setting, who together, will help shape innovations in business, commerce, education, government and communications
- Develop your own professional and personal networks on a global scale.

## The Pillars

In such a rapidly changing world there are many issues affecting the lives of young people. All The Big Hope 2 content and activities will be focused through perspectives on the four pillars of The Big Hope 2:

*'Freedom, Conflict, Equality and Change'*

## The Themes

To fully explore the four pillars, we need to address other social and cultural factors and how they impact on, and are impacted by them. These will be known as the 12 themes of The Big Hope 2.

The 12 themes are:

Health	Migration	Faith
Innovation	Education	Sport and Culture
Communication	Work and Business	Community and Environment

These themes will inform the basis of the keynote speaker programme, discussion forum schedule and learning tracks.

Below is the provisional schedule for The Big Hope 2 (subject to change).

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed
8.00		Breakfast /Worship	Breakfast /Worship	Breakfast /Worship	Breakfast /Worship	Breakfast /Worship	Breakfast /Worship	Breakfast /Worship
9.00	Arrival	Keynote lecture	Keynote lecture	Learning Track	Day Trips	Keynote lecture	Keynote lecture	Departures
10.00		Parallel Discussion Forums	Parallel Discussion Forums			Parallel Discussion Forums	Big Hope 2 Exhibition	
11.00								
12.00	Lunch and Orientation	Lunch	Lunch			Lunch	Lunch	
13.00		Keynote lecture	Keynote lecture			Keynote lecture	Travel to Cathedral	
14.00	Initial pod meeting	Learning Track	Learning Track	Learning Track	Learning Track	Learning Track	Closing Ceremony (Metropolitan Cathedral)	Opportunities for optional extension activities
15.00	Travel to Cathedral						Return to Hope Park	
16.00	Opening Ceremony (Anglican Cathedral)						Final Pod meeting	
17.00	Tours of Liverpool following ceremony	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	
18.00		Pod meeting	Pod meeting	Pod meeting	Pod meeting	Pod meeting	Farewell event	
19.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20.00	Welcome event	Social events	Social events	Social events	Social events	Big Hope 2 Concert	Social events	

**Keynote Lecture Sessions** - All delegates. Delivered by internationally recognised speakers of highly respected standing, the keynote lectures will address the key themes of The Big Hope 2.

**Parallel Discussion Forums** - Relating to the keynote addresses and themes of the four pillars, the parallel discussion forums will give delegates the opportunity to debate with and challenge panel members on issues of global importance.

**Learning Track** - Learning tracks run throughout the congress and are opportunities for all delegates to be part of a group focused on a specific opportunity. These include leadership development, activism, music performance and composition, social media and communication, art and design projects, community volunteering, historical explorations, social justice projects and many more.

**Pod Meetings** - A relaxed and informal opportunity for residential delegates to come together at the end of each day to reflect on issues raised during the keynote speeches and parallel sessions.

**Opening and Closing Ceremonies** - Reflecting the ecumenical foundation of Liverpool Hope University, the opening and closing ceremonies will take place at the Anglican and Metropolitan Cathedrals respectively.

**Day Trips** - Opportunities to visit local attractions or locations such as York, the Lake District or London.

- Baroness Caroline Cox, Baroness Ilora Finlay, Father Michael Lapsley and Lord David Alton all confirmed as speakers.
- Contacts made and offers of support given: Everton Football Club, Milapfest, Liverpool Biennial, CAFOD, international education partners.



## Baroness Caroline Cox of Queensbury

Baroness Cox said:

*"In 2008, I was fortunate to be part of The Big Hope. I am delighted and very proud to be invited back for The Big Hope 2, 2018.*

*"I am inspired and encouraged every time I visit Liverpool Hope University, by the vision and support it provides to people of any age to be able to fulfil their potential.*

*"The Big Hope 2's vision of mutual respect, freedom, concern for the individual and the importance of educating young people across the world is inspirational."*

## Delegate rates and packages

The available delegate packages and rates are:

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| • Residential En-suite - £550 (Full Board)          | • Non-Residential Delegate - £250 (full conference)<br>(Lunch and refreshments) |
| • Residential Shared Facilities - £490 (Full Board) | • Day Delegate - £40 (per day)  |

If your organisation is planning to bring a group of 10 or more delegates, please contact us for details of our reduced group rate.

For full details of the catering packages available, please visit: [www.thebighope.info](http://www.thebighope.info)

## Sponsorship & in-kind opportunities

There are many ways for your organisation to support The Big Hope 2. Examples include:

**Financial Donations** - These will help us to offer scholarship opportunities, such as heavily reduced rates or fully paid tickets, to young people who may otherwise be unable to attend. We firmly believe that financial hardship should not prevent young people from participating and your support will help them overcome this.

**Service Donations** - Organising the logistics for a global conference of this scale is no mean feat! Young delegates from around the world will need transport, catering and other items. Your organisation can help by offering hire services at a reduced rate.

**Time Donations** - We want to make the programme as stimulating and enriching as possible. Does your organisation have specialists in their fields who would be happy to lead a parallel discussion session or learning track? If so, let us know (we can cover reasonable expenses).

## Benefits of getting involved

Benefits to your organisation of supporting The Big Hope 2 include:

- **Corporate Responsibility and staff enrichment** - Give your organisation and staff the opportunity to have a positive impact on the development of young people locally and from around the world.
- **Raising the profile of your business** - Your brand will be exposed to thousands of people in the build up, during and after the congress. Delegates of today – leaders and decision makers of tomorrow!

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