



## Can you be the “Hope Eastbourne” Champion for your church?

Hope 2018 is coming, and the local expression of this will be

“Hope Eastbourne.”

*As a ‘Hope Eastbourne Champion’ for your church or organisation we are assuming you are not a core leader. Please interpret appropriately if you are both a leader and Champion.*

*It is recognised that Christian agencies / ministries / chaplains / chaplaincies (here called ‘organisations’) are different from churches. The role of a ‘Champion’ will also therefore differ. There is no blueprint - it will be an exciting walk of faith!*

1. Are there other like minded people in your church / organisation who you could gather to form a small HE team?
2. Aim to have ‘as regular as needed’ catch up times with your church’s / organisation’s core leader/leadership. To give them ideas, to receive appropriate guidance and to make sure you are on the same page.
3. Think what are the natural formal and informal groups in your church / organisation who could think about what they might do as part of HE. Eg home groups, men’s, ladies, youth, children’s, older folks groups, creativity groups - eg art, music etc. Try to have a key conversation with the leaders of each of these groups. (NB this is probably more relevant for churches.)
4. Be available to discuss ideas with others. Maybe a family would like to have a street party or an individual would like to set up a prayer group in their workplace. Encourage volunteers in your organisation to share ideas with you and think about how you might engage service users/clients in a Hope activity. Perhaps you could draw up a list of similar ideas to get people thinking.
5. Practical stuff: Purchase a banner / get the HE brand into your website, social media platforms, literature, notices, brochures, letter heading etc / talk to the your leaders about ‘whole church’ activities? / think about what a budget for the year might look like.
6. Keep in touch with what is going on in the rest of the town and, as appropriate (without overburdening people), let others know about stuff.
7. Remember that it is not necessarily about extra work or brand new ventures. Much will be encouraging people to look with fresh eyes at what is already done and seeing how they might ‘bend it’ towards the HE vision of ‘Making Jesus known’.
8. Constantly ask the question ‘Is this idea a ‘one off’ that will not be repeated (OK, but not preferred) or, if it works, does it have legs to become, say, an annual event or programme, or a new venture that will continue (preferred!)?’
9. Remember Hope is about ‘word’ and ‘action’. Churches may be able engage more with the ‘word’ while some organisations will be more comfortable with ‘action’.
10. Remember always there is no blueprint or expectation. Everything is a bonus. Manage your expectations and rejoice in all that does take place.

Leaders and Champions Preparation Day is Thursday, 5th October 2017 from 8.30am at Glyndley Manor.

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