



Innovation through education

MAP Charity is a pioneering alternative provider in creative education, offering qualifications and first-hand experience to young people at risk of exclusion from the mainstream school system. Our vision is to inspire young people to reach their potential through a unique and replicable model which transforms how education and businesses interact, ensuring sustainable development opportunities. We aim to forge an innovative blueprint for what creative education and charities can become.

As a vital community asset, working to improve social mobility and employability for young people, MAP Charity supports Leeds' ambitious [cultural strategy](#), highlighting the creative industries as a strategic area of growth for the city's diverse economy. We create accessible pathways to further education and employment for young people, making a positive difference to the future of the creative industries - an important part of the UK economy worth £92bn in GVA.

We believe in the transformative social impact of music and art within society, promoting cross-communication between cultures, communities and age groups. In light of the current threats to arts education provision, and with the skills gap currently experienced by the creative industries continuing to increase nationally, our work is more relevant than ever.

“I would say that the biggest benefit is that MAP has sculpted my future, as I was able to develop a passion for filmmaking and tie it in to my qualification. MAP has boosted my confidence so much since I started... it made me progress in my social skills and self-esteem.”

Taylor, former student

Our work with young people

We offer BTEC qualifications in Creative Media and Art & Design, alongside Maths and English, to 11-16 year olds. We have trialled and will soon add apprenticeships for over 16s, extending our support to young people beyond the existing education programme.

Our education provision is positioned alongside the charity's work with creative practitioners and businesses. From screen printing firms to musicians, we offer space and support, and in return they provide our students with teaching sessions, tangible examples, and the opportunity to apply the skills they have learnt in real working environments. All of this is delivered under the historic Hope Foundry's roof, through an ecosystem that nurtures the next generation of creative professionals.



Our vision for 2020

Hope Foundry is MAP Charity's current home, under which we have developed a bold new vision. We plan to see this building further evolve as a vital creative hub for Leeds, opening its doors to new facilities and spaces in 2020 to benefit the whole community. This will allow for our impact to be amplified, reaching new and wider audiences while positively contributing to the local economy.

Built in 1831, Hope Foundry is a stunning Grade II Listed building with a long standing history of making, creating and inventing as part of Leeds' proud industrial heritage. With the site under threat of redevelopment into luxury flats, a one-off investment of is needed to purchase, preserve and restore Hope Foundry. This will ensure that MAP Charity's pioneering work with young people continues to develop and inspire, delivering a sustainable legacy for Leeds.

Purchasing Hope Foundry will enable MAP Charity to create a kitchen, café, roof-garden, studios, co-working, event, gallery and retail spaces whilst safeguarding the charity's central provision for young people. The plan is to create a single site with multiple uses, that directly feeds back into the common goal of advancement of future generations, particularly for those with less opportunities to pursue creative paths.

How we have made a difference

MAP Charity (Music and Arts Production) was founded in 2007, aiming to be a single hub space for education and arts. It was set up by Tom Smith, Charlie Stobbart and Kat Soutar, who in their early 20s were looking to forge an innovative model through which arts and education interact to create positive social change. They created classroom facilities at Hope Foundry to deliver arts and music qualifications, alongside running a gallery space for art exhibitions and music events feeding back into the education programme.

The past 10 years has seen MAP Charity establish and build on a strong reputation with Leeds' schools, parents and students for the excellent quality of its learning experiences. Our artistic programme has also raised a significant national and international profile, particularly within the music industry through MAP Charity's legendary Cosmic Slop events set up to fundraise for the charity. With Hope Foundry as its home, the charity expanded its offer, developing new workshop spaces for creative practitioners within a single hub and forging a wide range of partnerships with local businesses.



“Cosmic Slop in Leeds has the greatest sound system in the world.”

Floating Points, musician

“MAP Charity are looking to provide a replicable model resolving the tension between regeneration and the support, retention and preservation of the existing strengths of an area and the community within it. This is an important project for our city, and ever more relevant in the light of Leeds’ cultural aspirations.”

Tom Riordan, Chief Executive, Leeds City Council

Join the movement

The battle to secure Hope Foundry is bigger than just one building, and will take a groundswell of like-minded people to make it happen. This is about the kind of city we all want to live in. MAP Charity has an exciting and achievable proposal to expand its activities across the whole building and create a replicable model for other arts and education providers worldwide. Now, we need your help.

There are many ways in which you can work with MAP Charity and help us provide creative and positive futures for young people in Leeds:

- Become a supporter by donating now – visit mapcharity.org/#donate
- Follow us on social media [[Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Instagram](#)] and spread the word using our campaign hashtag **#TogetherWeHaveHope**
- [Write to us](#) to become an ambassador and help us access major donations
- [Get in touch](#) to sponsor MAP Charity through your own event or campaign
- We are looking for major donors to help us secure the contact of Hope Foundry – please [contact us](#) to learn more about how you can support MAP Charity

Contact details

For further information, please contact:

Raf Bogan, Communications Manager

e: raf@mapcharity.org t: +44 (0)113 391 2541

Charity details

Music and Arts Production Leeds (MAP Charity) is registered in England and Wales. Registered Charity Number (registered in 2008): 1125303.

Company Number (registered in 2007): 06274330.

Registered Office: Hope House, 65 Mabgate, Leeds LS9 7DR.