



York Cares

Key Dates 2025

Celebrating 20 years of making York a better place



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As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we're excited to share an overview of key dates and activities taking place across 2025. This guide provides our employer members with a snapshot of what's ahead, helping you to plan your involvement and make the most of the opportunities available to you and your colleagues.

From hands-on Community Challenges, to raising aspirations, to reducing loneliness and social isolation, there are plenty of ways to get involved, strengthen your social impact, and support our mission to make York a better place to live and work. All of the dates outlined in the document are subject to change if necessary. We'll be providing an updated version of this document later in the year as more dates are confirmed, but we encourage you to get events in your diaries early and start thinking about how your teams can take part.

Different membership levels provide varying access to activities. If you're unsure about what's available to your organisation or would like to discuss maximising your involvement, please email us at info@yorkcares.co.uk.

We're thrilled to have you alongside us in our 20th year. If you have any questions, want to get more involved, or need further details about any of the activities outlined, you can email us at info@yorkcares.co.uk.



March



Date	Programme	Activity	Brief description
3-7	Aspirations	National Careers Week	
5-6	Environment & Sustainability	University of York Sustainability Week	In partnership with The University of York, we will be arranging two sessions to volunteer on campus
7-16	Aspirations	British Science Week	
13	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal together
12	Fundraising	Speed Quiz with Iain Dunn at The Biltmore	Buy your tickets here
18	Social Connections	Social Club: Eller's Farm Distillery Tour	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a tour and tasting of Ellers Farm Distillery, home of Dutch Barn Vodka. Note booking is required and places are limited
20	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
24	Aspirations	Math Engage Week - The Place	Sharing how maths are used in the work place for the Year 6's from Westfield Primary

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26	Environment & Sustainability	The Great British Spring Clean	From 10:30-12:00 we will be hosting a litter picking sessions around North Street Gardens
28	Aspirations	Right to Read Training	Our Right to Read programme helps primary school pupils develop their reading skills. Volunteers must complete this training session before beginning their placement
Throughout	Campaigns	Easter Egg collection	Support local children's charities by donating Easter Eggs
Ongoing	Environment & Sustainability	Bespoke Community Challenges	Community Challenges are hosted at over 40 sites across the city and can be arranged throughout the year on a date and time to suit your team

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3	Social Connections	York Castle Museum Tour and Coffee Morning	Join us at York Castle Museum where we will explore some of the museum collections to spark conversations and help us feel more connected to our city and people
10	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
17	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
22	Events	Annual Stakeholder Meeting	An opportunity to come together with our employer members, partners, and prospective members to celebrate 20 years of York Cares
TBC	Aspirations	Girls: Enrichment and Motivation for Success	
Ongoing	Environment & Sustainability	Bespoke Community Challenges	Community Challenges are hosted at over 40 sites across the city and can be arranged throughout the year on a date and time to suit your team
TBC	Aspirations	Education to Employment Activity	

May



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8	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
12	Aspirations	Day in the Life SEND session	
15	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York Community Furniture Store
19-23	Aspirations	Engage Science Week	Sharing how science is used in the work place for the Year 6's from Westfield Primary
31	Environment & Sustainability	Environment & Sustainability as part of York Festival of Ideas	A nature walk in partnership with St Nicks
TBC	Aspirations	Girls: Enrichment and Mentoring for Success	
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June



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3	Social Connections	Social Club: Summer Sparkle as part of York Festival of Ideas	Join York Cares for a summer celebration with dancing, fun and laughter
2-7	Environment & Sustainability	Environment & Sustainability Week	A week of volunteering across York with St. Nicks with half day sessions running throughout the week
12	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
19	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York Community Furniture Store
26	Aspirations	Careers Fair at Vale of York Academy	
TBC	Campaign	Hygiene Bank Collection Launch	
TBC	Aspirations	Project Dare	
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7	Event	Annual Golden Moments Awards	Celebrate the impact York Cares volunteers have had across the city in the last year
10	Aspirations	Vale of York Careers Fair	An opportunity to share the careers at different companies with the pupils of Vale of York
10	Social Connections	Social Club with York Museums Trust	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a guided tour of York Museum Gardens
17	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
TBC	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
TBC	Aspirations	Education to Employment Activity	
TBC	Aspirations	Right to Read training	Our Right to Read programme helps primary school pupils develop their reading skills. Volunteers must complete this training session before beginning their placement
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14	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
21	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
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11	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
18	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
22 Sept - 16 Oct	Environment & Sustainability	Big Community Challenge	
26	Aspirations	National Manufacturing Day	
30	Ambassador	Operations Board Meeting	
TBC	Social Connections	Social Club: York Food Festival	Join York Cares at the York Food Festival for a fun food themed Social Club
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October



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9	Social Connections	Social Club at York Art Gallery	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a tour of York Art Gallery
16	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
22 Sept - 16 Oct	Environment & Sustainability	Big Community Challenge	
TBC	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
TBC	Aspirations	Work Wardrobe at University of York Careers Fairs	
TBC	Aspirations	Project Dare	
TBC	Aspirations	Education to Employment Activity	
TBC	Campaign	Christmas Collection Launch	

November



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4	Event	Ambassador Social	
13	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
20	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
TBC	Aspirations	Right to Read Training	Our Right to Read programme helps primary school pupils develop their reading skills. Volunteers must complete this training session before beginning their placement
Ongoing	Environment & Sustainability	Bespoke Community Challenges	Community Challenges are hosted at over 40 sites across the city and can be arranged throughout the year on a date and time to suit your team
Throughout November	Campaign	Christmas Collection	

December



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TBC	Social Connections	Social Club: Coffee morning at York Community Furniture Store	Join York Cares and Neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at York CFS
TBC	Social Connections	Social Club: Chop and Chat at the Spurriergate Centre	Join York Cares and Neighbours to make and share a meal
TBC	Aspirations	Education to Employment Activity	
TBC	Social Connections	Social Club: Shimmer and Shine	Join York Cares and Neighbours to celebrate the festive season with dancing, crafts and a festive feast. Booking essential and places are limited
Ongoing	Environment & Sustainability	Bespoke Community Challenges	Community Challenges are hosted at over 40 sites across the city and can be arranged throughout the year on a date and time to suit your team
Throughout December	Campaign	Christmas Collections	

Thank you for being part of York Cares

As we celebrate 20 years of York Cares, we're deeply grateful to each of our members, employee-volunteers, and community partners for making our work possible. Together we're creating lasting positive change across York.

We're thrilled to have you alongside us this year as we look forward to what we hope will be our biggest and best year yet. Every hour, every effort, and every conversation makes a difference, and we can't wait to see what we'll achieve together in 2025.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of our programmes, or the activities and events listed in this planner, please contact us via email at info@yorkcares.co.uk.

With thanks,
The York Cares Team

