

# Yorkshire Churches Day



**Saturday 16 September 2023**

**Open up and tell your story**

Yorkshire Churches Day (YCD) is a chance for every place of worship in the county to open their doors and showcase the amazing history and heritage found inside their buildings. A day to tell stories and bring to life the variety, beauty, history and sheer wonder of Yorkshire's many places of worship.

The aim of the day is to encourage everyone to visit their local church even if they have never stepped foot inside a church before. It will be a day for those who are curious about history and heritage of their local surroundings.



- Registration
- Event preparation
- PR and Publicity

More help can be found at

<https://www.yhct.org.uk/yorkshire-churches-day/>

and on the 'useful stuff' section of the HOD organiser

area: <https://>

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk/organising/how-to-get-](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/organising/how-to-get-involved)

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We are running YCD in partnership with the Heritage Open Days (HOD) initiative. This is England's largest festival of history and culture, when thousands of people come together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life.

The first step is to register your event on the Heritage Open Days website <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/getting-involved> and include in your entry that you are opening for Yorkshire Churches Day

Although as part of the HOD remit, entry to your event must be free, there are many ways you can engage your visitors and encourage donations. Ideas include running tours, exhibitions, bell ringing, recitals, skills/craft demonstrations, eye spy sheets for children, treasure hunts, seeds/book swaps, flower demonstrations, holding a teddy bears picnic - there are so many possibilities.

Publicising your event is really important, let us know your plans and we will list you on our website. Check our website [www.yhct.org.uk/](http://www.yhct.org.uk/) for digital templates you can use to promote your event, and [https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/uploads/document-library/Core-Pack\\_V3\\_2023.pdf](https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/uploads/document-library/Core-Pack_V3_2023.pdf)

One great benefit of opening up and attracting new audiences to your church is the potential to generate funds. Although entry to your building must be free, on our website we have suggested many fundraising ideas and ways to encourage donations. By taking part in Yorkshire Churches Day, you can help all places of worship in Yorkshire as well as your own church. We'll encourage you to donate 50% of any funds raised to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, to help us continue to offer vital support to churches, chapels and meeting houses across Yorkshire. As a church, do also consider joining as a Friend of the Trust for just £45 a year and ensure that the YCD flyer is widely available to visitors. Here's to a successful day!

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