



**Chris Worfolk Foundation**  
Annual Report 2015

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# Introduction



**Chris Worfolk**  
Trustee

Organisations typically function at their best when they stick to one thing and do that one thing well. As an organisation, we have never been very good at this. There are normally a dozen projects kicking around, each one of them deserving more attention than it actually receives.

However, this year we have been slowly consolidating our projects into the ones that really matter. This means dropping some of our courses. Leeds Skeptics has become a separate organisation. We have scaled back our gender equality campaigns. These are all important causes and we did not

give them up lightly.

The result is that the projects we do have can have a bigger share of our care and attention. Incredibly important issues like homelessness and mental health can now take center-stage. The extra resources for these projects will mean that they flourish to their full potential.

This has already started paying dividends. At the Holiday Food Drive last December, we set a new record of almost £5,000 worth of donations going to local shelters. Anxiety Leeds has increased its frequency to fortnightly, doubling the amount of support we can provide.

Looking to the coming year, I look forward to us seeing further fruits from the extra attention given to our key projects. We will be able to build on the success of this to provide better services over the next twelve months.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris J. Worfolk".

Chris Worfolk  
Trustee, Chris Worfolk Foundation



## Finances

| Year      | Income | Spending |
|-----------|--------|----------|
| 2014/2015 | £1,726 | £2,113   |
| 2013/2014 | £3,050 | £3,193   |

Charitable activities represent 93.8% of our spending during the 2014/2015 financial year.

# Activities



Top left: Holiday Food Drive boxes.  
Above: Holiday Food Drive sorting.  
Left: Holiday Food Drive sorting.

## Humanism

The **Humanist Action Group** continues to provide short-term relief for homelessness in Leeds. This year we have been building links with West Yorkshire Humanists to see how we can work better together.

In December, HAG ran the fifth annual **Holiday Food Drive** for local homeless shelters and raised a record £4,934.81 worth of donations which were all distributed to local shelters around Leeds.

## Education

In Spring, we overhauled our online real-estate to implement responsive designs. This means that the website adapts to the size of the screen: be it desktop, tablet or mobile, thereby making it accessible to a wider audience.

The most important change was

to **Worfolk Lectures**. The updated design aims to provide a TED-style experience. On the site people can access full-length high quality video lectures on a variety of educational topics.

## Mental Health

We have doubled the number of sessions we run at **Anxiety Leeds**. Thanks to a new agreement with

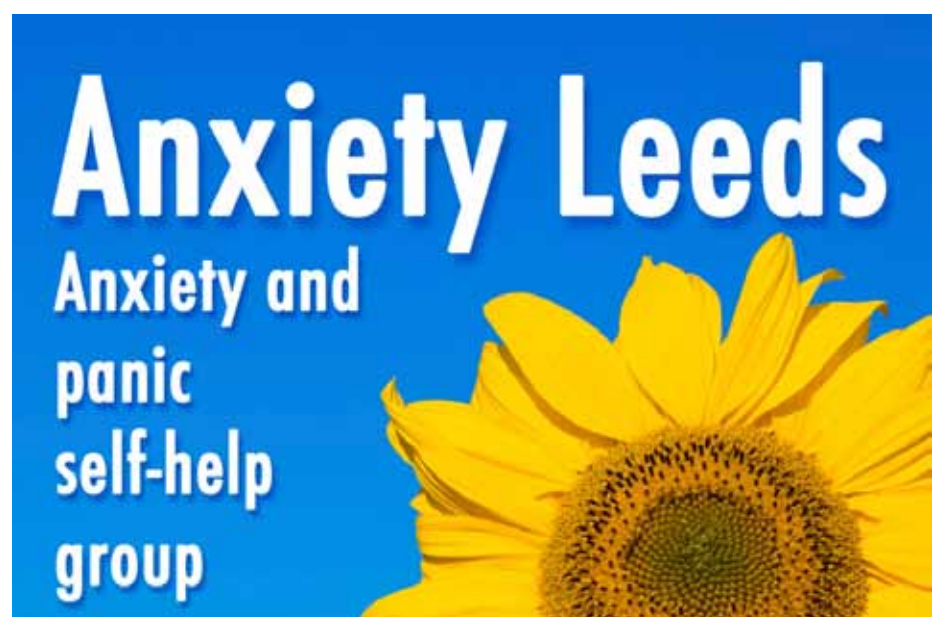
Leeds Teaching Hospitals, our meetings have now moved to the Leeds General Infirmary and run once per fortnight.

We are launching a new volunteering programme to recruit and train more facilitators for the group. In April, we were awarded a new grant by Leeds City Council to support the group.

## Resources

**Atheist Stock** continues to offer a world leading resource for groups in need of stock photography for their freethinking group. Access is free as it use of the images, to allow all groups to build great-looking advertising material.

We also continue to make the **One Life** and **Perspective** courses available. Information packets are also available from the **It's Only Water** campaign and **Galileo Day** campaign. We also maintain the **Humanist Chaplaincy Network**.



# Trustees



**Chris Worfolk**

Chris is the founder of Leeds Atheist Society and the National Federation of Atheist, Humanist and Secular Student Societies. He is the former-chair of Leeds Skeptics, treasurer of West Yorkshire Humanists and Immediate Past Area Governor for Toastmasters Yorkshire. He is a director of Worfolk Limited and Worfolk Media.



**Elina Leiniö**

Elina works in accounting and has now served three years on the board of trustees. Having grown up in Finland, Elina brings a range of new experience and perspective to the organisation, speaking fluent English, Finnish and Swedish. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Turku in English and Theology.



**Paul Irving**

Paul served for many years as chair of the **Humanist Society of West Yorkshire**.

He is also active in campaigning for civil rights and to put an end to LGBTQ discrimination, work that he continues through the foundation.



**Chris Osborne**

2014/2015 was Chris's first full year as a trustee. He is a BACP-accredited trained counselor and runs West Leeds Counseling. He also acts as Service Delivery Manager for Anxiety Leeds.

# Organisation



## Accounts

Our accounts were prepared by the West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service this year. We would like to thank them for all the help and support they have provided.

## Volunteers

As ever, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year such a success. Nobody works for the organisation; everyone is a volunteer and without them, we could not do anything!

In particular, we would like to say thank you to Sarann for her work with the Humanist Action Group.

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