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Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal Councillor Stephen Holroyd

The Lord Mayor of Leeds

Every year, the Lord Mayor chooses a Leeds-based charity close to their heart to champion during their year in office. This year's Lord Mayor, Councillor Stephen Holroyd has selected **MESMAC and St Gemma's Hospice**.



We are proud to be supporting two amazing Leeds charities



For over 35 years, MESMAC has stood as the backbone of Leeds' LGBTQ+ community, and today supports even more marginalised communities across the city.

More than a sexual health service, MESMAC is a safe space built on a radical principle: by us, for us. From HIV support and rapid testing to mental health advocacy and social groups, they meet you where you are, without judgment, without barriers, without exception.

In a city that never stops moving, they are the constant. A place where equality, health, and resilience are not just ideals, they are actions.

Website: mesmac.co.uk | Charity number: **1040407** | Company number: **2958336**



St Gemma's Hospice is Yorkshire's largest Hospice providing the best possible end of life care and support for local people with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

We specialise in pain relief and symptom control to help people live as well as possible, for as long as possible. The Hospice is a friendly, warm and safe place at the heart of the local community with a large range of expert services to support patients, their families and friends, both in the Hospice and in the community.

St Gemma's welcomes and provides care to everyone regardless of people's age, gender, disability, race religion, sexual orientation or diagnosis. All services at St Gemma's Hospice are provided completely free of charge.

Website: st-gemma.co.uk | Charity number: **2773867** | Company number: **1015941**



WHAT IS

JUST

ONE DAY

'Just One Day' is a yearly fundraising event where the whole of Leeds can come together and raise money and awareness for incredible local charities.

As the primary fundraising event of the year for the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal, anyone can get involved, whether as an individual or an organisation such as a school, business, or community group.

You can raise funds for just one day in any way you like, and if the set date does not work for you, simply pick a day that suits you.

On the day itself, the Lord Mayor often visits participants.

If you would like the Lord Mayor to visit your event, then get in touch so we can help make the arrangements.



THE LORD MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL

The Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal in Leeds is a major civic initiative spearheaded by the serving Lord Mayor to champion and raise vital funds for their selected local charities.

Throughout the year, the Lord Mayor focuses on the work of their chosen charity, with the aim of bringing the whole city together to raise awareness and funds through hosting a range of events and activities. It is a fantastic way for the city to support a local charity and show their civic pride. Just One Day is a major contributor to the money raised each year.

SOME WAYS TO FUNDRAISE

This fundraising pack includes some fun and exciting ways you can raise money for the Lord Mayor's charity appeal.

LET'S CREATE

Come together for a make or bake challenge. You could hold a bake off with your friends, paint, make pottery, draw or anything else that suits you.



MAKE A QUIZ

You're the quiz master. Put together 20 questions and invite your friends and family to take part over video call by making a donation to play.



FITNESS CHALLENGE

Pick an exercise to do every day for a month - anything from jumping jacks to press ups - and see if your family and friends will kindly sponsor you.



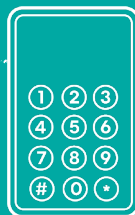
SCAVENGER HUNT

Host your own scavenger hunt inviting friends and family to hunt down a list of items. Ask for a donation to take part.



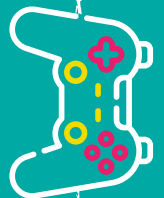
A DEVICE FREE DAY

Could you go off-grid for the day? Have your community sponsor you to go a day without devices. If you can't Google something, how will you find out information? Navigate your way through the day, using your imaginations.



GAMING MARATHON

Love gaming? Take on a sponsored gaming marathon to raise vital funds. You could even get together a team and try a tag team marathon.



NATURE WALK

Come together outside for a walk. Wear your wellies and perhaps where something old, and challenge yourself to get as mucky as possible!



MOVIE NIGHT

For all the film fanatics out there, find a movie all your friends can access then go to town making your own home cinema. PJs and snacks encouraged! Send the [Just Giving](#) link round after the films.





Set up your own Just Giving Page

The money you raise will help the Lord Mayor's charity:

1.

Log into your account and click "Start fundraising". Click "A Charity", to the question "What are you raising money for?"

2.

Search for "LMCA" denoted with this logo. Enter your event type or select "Doing my own thing".



3.

Choose your Fundraising page URL. This is the link you'll be sharing with friends and family when asking them to donate.

4.

Click 'Create your page' and job done! Your Fundraising Page is now set up and ready to accept donations.

How to donate?

Donations can be sent via Just Giving using the QR code or link below.



www.justgiving.com/lmca

Or send a cheque payable to The Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal to:
The Lord Mayor's Office,
1st Floor West, Civic Hall, Leeds LS1 1UR

Share your stories

Don't forget to share your fundraising stories and activities on social media - tag the below on X and we'll share as many as possible!

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Thank you