

GiveWell impact report 2025–26

From South Yorkshire Housing Association's
GiveWell and Diversity & Belonging
Steering Group



**“Shake the dust from
my feet, and the blues
from my brain.**

**I can feel like a whole
human being again!”**

Quote from Dynamic Flights
theatre production

We are proud to share this year's GiveWell impact report, celebrating the brilliant fundraising, generosity and community spirit of our people and customers across South Yorkshire Housing Association (SYHA).

GiveWell is driven by passionate volunteers from across SYHA, united by a shared commitment to supporting the causes that matter most to our colleagues and customers. This year, our work has deepened through close partnership with the Diversity & Belonging Steering Group (DBSG), ensuring that everything we do reflects SYHA's values of inclusion, connection and belonging.

A constant theme across our activity is simple but powerful: bringing people together to share food, stories, cultures and causes. By doing so, we create spaces where relationships grow, conversations flourish, and meaningful impact happens.

Our impact at a glance

Across 2025–2026 we achieved:



300+ people engaged across
events and activities



£2,000+ raised for charities
and community causes



200+ meals shared bringing
colleagues, customers and
partners together



55 children supported with
Christmas gifts valuing
over £1,000



Dozens of organisations
supported, including local
charities, food providers and
social enterprises

Our approach

GiveWell events are designed with impact in mind:

- Food as a connector: All events centre around shared meals, sourced from local, diverse and socially conscious catering providers
 - Community-first giving: Supporting causes that matter most to SYHA staff and customers
 - Celebrating diversity: Aligning events with cultural moments and awareness campaigns
 - Local economic impact: Prioritising global majority-led, community-based organisations.
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This year we partnered with fantastic providers including:

Open Kitchen Social Club

Horn of Africa

Roshni Kitchen

Bishop's Caribbean Bistro

Check them out!

Embedding diversity and belonging

Our partnership with SYHA's Diversity & Belonging Steering Group (DBSG) has strengthened how we embed culture and inclusion into everyday life at SYHA.

Through our events, we have:

- **Celebrated cultural and religious festivals**
- **Supported causes linked to identity, health and social justice**
- **Created safe, inclusive spaces for learning and connection**
- **Amplified voices and lived experiences across our communities**
- **Supported the causes closest to people's hearts**

Event highlights

Dynamic Flights theatre production



- March 2025
 - 25 attendees
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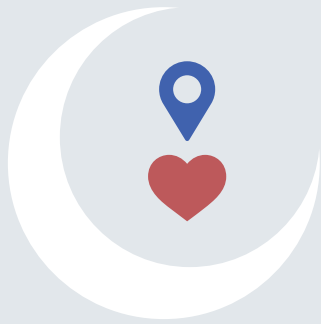
- A powerful theatre production co-created with SYHA residents exploring mental health, creativity and storytelling
- Delivered through a two-year participation project
- Residents contributed to script, music and design
- Strengthened confidence, voice and creative expression



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Event highlights

Eid lunch and support for local children



- April 2025
- 30 attendees
- £189.50 raised
- 25 sets of new children's bedding donated

A celebration of Eid combined with meaningful giving:

- Donations of children's bedding for families experiencing homelessness at Cuthbert Bank
- Funds used to provide additional essentials

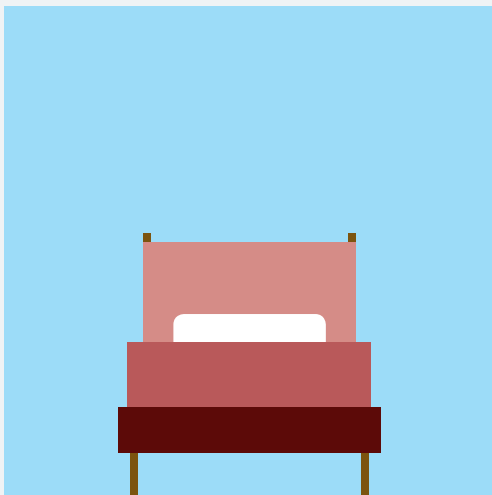
Event highlights

Impact story

A mother fleeing domestic abuse and her children received new bedding.

“They have never had nice children’s bedding before... the children were so proud making their beds.”

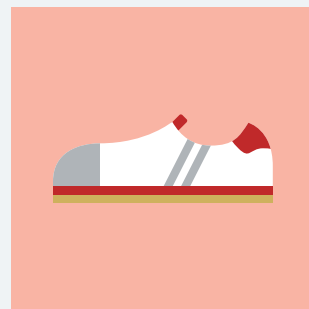
Project lead at Cuthbert Bank



Since donating children's bedding to Cuthbert Bank, SYHA has changed our offer so that all children moving into the service can now choose from a lovely selection of new children's bedding

Event highlights

Pancreatic cancer fundraising event



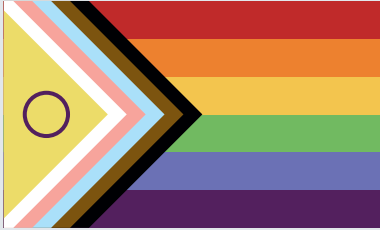
- June 2025
- 30+ participants
- £420 raised

A deeply personal event in memory of a colleague's loved one:

- Team cycling challenge covering 200+ miles
- Funds raised for Pancreatic Cancer UK
- A powerful example of collective effort, compassion and solidarity

Event highlights

Pride activity hour



- July 2025
- 40 participants
- £150 raised
- Pizzas provided by Rudy's pizzeria

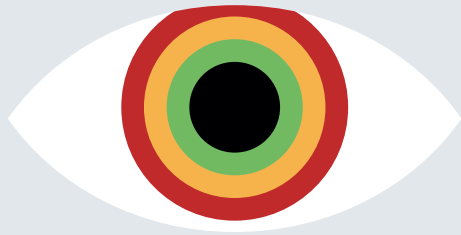
An inclusive event encouraging learning and action, supporting LGBTQ+ charities Andro and Eve, akt and SAYiT.

Activities included:

- Learning sessions
- Cultural engagement
- Community events participation

Event highlights

Black History Month celebration



- October 2025
- 50 attendees
- £255 raised

A vibrant cultural event with food, music and learning:

- Funds raised for the [Sickle Cell Society](#)
- Supported a local Caribbean food business

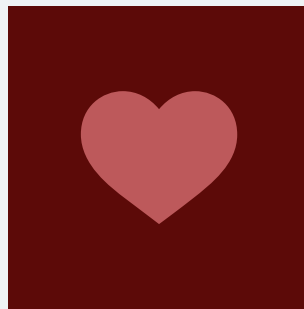
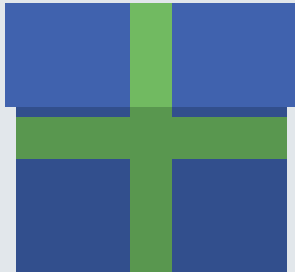


**“Excellent food,
company and
conversation
– let’s repeat!”**

SYHA colleague

Event highlights

Winter Warmer



- December 2025
- 100+ attendees
- £3,000+ invested in our customers, communities and colleagues
- 55 Christmas personalised gifts purchased for children totaling over £1,100
- Donations collected for Maltby Foodbank
- 18 SYHA teams and schemes supported remotely with 'Winter Warmer in a Box'

Over 100 people, including customers, colleagues and new colleagues from Places for People, joined us for tasty food provided by Open Kitchen Social Club and Roshni Kitchen.

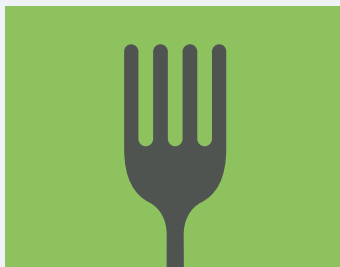
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Eid lunch 2026



- March 2026
- £79 raised for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity
- Many bhaji baps enjoyed

Edward, a colleague in our Income Management Team, hosted a brilliant session on Supported Lodgings, which supports young people into safe homes.



Beyond events

Ongoing giving

In addition to major events, GiveWell supported a wide range of grassroots activity:

- **Funding awareness sessions, including gender awareness provided by local organisation Andro and Eve**
- **Supporting colleague-led fundraising**
- **Contributions to foodbanks and local charities**
- **£304 donated to Maltby Foodbank through colleague survey participation (£1 donation for every survey completed).**
- **£300+ supported through team fundraising initiatives**

