

JUST Lincolnshire is proud to announce they are now officially part of YMCA Lincolnshire.

JUST Lincolnshire has consistently recognised that proactive partnerships are key in looking to challenge injustice and discrimination, and becoming a catalyst for change and creating a fairer world for everyone. By joining the YMCA Lincolnshire family, we can continue to pursue these goals, that align so perfectly with those of YMCA Lincolnshire.

JUST Lincolnshire was established in 2010 and has been the only organisation in Lincolnshire with a sole remit based on equality, diversity, and inclusion. We work hard to create a place where everybody is valued. Where people and their rights are respected, and everyone's responsibilities are taken seriously. JUST Lincolnshire seek to accomplish these goals through:

- The elimination of discrimination experienced by individuals and communities
- Advancing equality of opportunity
- Raising awareness and understanding of equality and human rights to influence change
- Promote and support activities to foster understanding and acceptance between people from diverse backgrounds
- Developing a sense of fairness and respect for all

Since 2010, JUST Lincolnshire has with over 10,000 people through:

- Setting up a number of specialist workshops, with 805 people attending - 364 of which stated an increased confidence in reporting Hate Crime
- Establishing 48 'Safe Centres'
- Training 119 Community Ambassadors
- Signing up 72 Learning Centres to the Young Ambassador Programme
- Identifying and training 409 Young Ambassadors
- Helping 2,620 young people gain a better understanding of equality and human rights

Wes Shelbourne, who leads JUST Lincolnshire states,
"I am pleased and excited by this next stage of our journey. JUST Lincolnshire's joining with YMCA Lincolnshire will enable our work to have a greater reach and will develop as we work together to make Lincolnshire a fairer county for all who live, work, and visit here".

YMCA Lincolnshire CEO, Caroline Killeavy has said,
"We are absolutely delighted to be welcoming JUST Lincolnshire into the YMCA family and are excited to support them in carrying on their important work; With our complementary values, and our growing network across Lincolnshire, together we can make Lincolnshire a place where everyone feels safe supported and respected.