



LIVERPOOL HOPE  
UNIVERSITY

175 YEARS OF ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE

1995 - 2003

## WHY HOPE?



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**HOPE**  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

At the time of Federation, Archbishop Worlock and Bishop Sheppard described the new institution as “a sign of Hope”. The name also recognises the symbolism of Hope Street, which joins the city’s two cathedrals.

LIHE became Liverpool Hope University College in 1995, with Professor Simon Lee as the first Rector and Rev Dr John Elford and Dr Susan O’Brien as his new rectorate team. With the campus now united as one, the site becomes known as Hope Park.

A second campus for the Creative and Performing Arts was established at the former St Francis Xavier School in Everton in 1999. Its first important guest was HRH Prince Charles, who visited in February 2000, and spent time working with students in the sculpture studios. Four years later, Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip also visited the Everton-based campus for lunch in the Great Hall.

In 2002, Liverpool Hope University College achieved taught degree awarding powers, and the following year Professor Gerald J Pillay joined as the new Rector.