



LIVERPOOL HOPE
UNIVERSITY

175 YEARS OF ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE

1998

WIDENING PARTICIPATION THROUGH THE NETWORK OF HOPE



Formalised in 1998, the Network of Hope was established as a partnership between Liverpool Hope University and a number of Roman Catholic Sixth Form Colleges in the North West. It aimed to provide access to educational opportunities, up to degree-level, to people living in areas where local provision did not exist.

At its height, more than 1,000 students studied at Network of Hope locations, which ranged from Wigan to Stockport, Preston and Blackburn. Today, the Network continues through partnerships with St John Rigby in Wigan, Holy Cross College in Bury, St Mary's College in Blackburn and Carmel College in St Helens. The Network of Hope is a true network of academic achievement, social opportunity and personal advancement - fulfilling the vision of the founding colleges.