Hive Hangouts

Would you like to meet other young people with liver disease face-to-face? We run Hive Hangouts every month. Each session enables you to meet new people, share experiences and access advice.

**Hangout Sessions for ages 13-15 & 16-24**

Drop in sessions held once a month on a Thursday 6-8pm

Join the group on Zoom and say hello to Louise our Young People’s Officer. Click the zoom link sent via email/Facebook each month and chat away, meet new friends and have a laugh.

**Hive+ Hangout Sessions for 16-24**

Drop in sessions every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 10am - 1pm

Join the Hive+ group on Facebook and say hello to Louise our Young People’s Officer. Drop in any time between 10am and 1pm. Access support, employment or education advice etc. Join via a zoom link posted on Hive+ or via email.

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The social network for young people with liver disease

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**About Hive**

Hive is our Facebook-based social space made by young people for young people with a liver condition or transplant. It consists of two groups - Hive (for ages 13-15) and Hive + (ages 16-24). The pages are monitored by CLDF staff and our Hive Ambassadors to ensure safety for our members.

**What can I do on Hive?**

Members of Hive can access peer support, share experiences and voice what matters to them when it comes to their liver journey. Our Ambassadors are regularly online to welcome new faces and engage Hive members.

**How do I sign up?**

If you are a young person and want to sign up, just send a join request to your applicable Hive group. Our CLDF Young Person’s Officer will then get in touch to check your suitability for the group and to assist you further with the registration process.

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**Meet our Hive Ambassadors**

**Emma**

Emma has biliary atresia and has had 2 liver transplants. She joined Hive to help others come to terms with their condition and to help and support them through their experiences. She loves the idea of being someone young people can reach out to.

**Khama**

Khama does not yet have a name for his liver condition, but has described it as a reoccuring biliary stricture (narrowing liver ducts) alongside abnormal liver function tests. He joined Hive to give support to other young people with undiagnosed conditions. Khama is currently studying Pharmacy at Cardiff University and can also do a back flip!

**Matthew**

Matthew has biliary atresia and had a liver transplant at 13 months old. He is very much into sports such cycling and is currently completing his gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. He joined Hive to meet other young people and to support them through their experiences.

**Joshua**

Joshua, who has autoimmune liver disease, currently works for the BBC as an engineering apprentice, and has worked on TV shows such as The One Show. He joined Hive to help others as well as meet new people and have fun.

**Emma**

Emma, who has a Masters degree in Criminology, felt that there was not enough information about coping with liver disease whilst at university. She wants to use her experiences to help advise others about moving away from home. Emma has alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and received a transplant when she was 9 years old.

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**Mollie**

Mollie has autoimmune liver disease and was diagnosed at 17, receiving a liver transplant one month later. She joined Hive to support other young people through their journeys. She wants young people to know they are not alone. Mollie is a member of the police cadets in her spare time!

**Constance**

Constance has autoimmune liver disease and was diagnosed last year. She joined Hive as she has seen the value in meeting young people just like yourself. She is excited to support and listen to other young people on their journey. Constance can also speak Spanish as she grew up in the Canary Islands.

**William**

William has received a liver transplant and he is now 21 and has graduated, completed his gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and is determined to continue to travel. William joined Hive as he would love to share his experiences to support others.