



## **LEEDS FOR CHANGE – CORE VALUES**

The organisers of this website are guided by the principles of solidarity, justice and equality. The content of the website should express those values. The organisers accept that there might be productive disagreement about exactly what these values entail. What follows is what they mean to us. We welcome debate on this statement.

**Solidarity:** we aim to stand together in support of those who are marginalised and excluded because of their gender, class, race, nationality, (dis)ability, religion, sexual orientation, wealth, immigration status and other lines of oppression. By solidarity, we mean being actively on the side of the marginalised and excluded, and working with agendas and goals chosen by those affected. We want to transform the relationships of power that lead to oppression.

**Justice:** we believe that people should be treated with justice and humanity whatever their status, and that everyone has equal rights before the law. We recognise that these principles are frequently flouted, with the most vulnerable groups being treated unjustly too often, and we support all efforts to secure justice for people and the environment.

**Equality:** we advocate radical structural change designed to achieve much greater levels of economic equality; we want to see fully equal participation in political affairs by people in every walk of life; we want to sharply reduce the cultural and social inequalities that prevail today. We support those who campaign for equality in all sectors of society.

**The local is the global:** our primary focus is on Leeds, but we are committed to international solidarity, global justice and equality, and our website will manifest that commitment.