

The Colour of Hope

Can a feeling or emotion have a colour? It is not a physical entity but neither is it nebulous as it is something that everyone experiences and understands from early childhood. Just as glass has no colour but can refract light into a spectrum of different wavelengths each with its own colour, so too can hope have different colours.

Hope is the colour of the breaking dawn and the sunrise bringing a new day. It is the colour of the first flower pushing through cold earth, signalling winter's end and the promise of spring to come.

Hope is the colour of the first green shoots pushing through parched ground after the rains start and bring an end to a prolonged drought. It is the colour of a clear blue sky after floods or when we feel all is good and anything is possible.

Hope is the colour of a rainbow nation, the colours of its flag representing both its origins and the diversity of its people even though there are still struggles and problems to overcome.

The rainbow symbol of the NHS represents the mosaic of hope. Hope that hospitals are not overwhelmed, hope for care, for vaccines and for an end to the pandemic and to loss of life.

Hope has no one colour, it is all colours. It is the colour of new life and new beginnings. It is the colour of a new born child in every nation of this wonderful but troubled world.