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Dudley's Community Safety Partnership

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022 – Information and Free Resources

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022 will take place from 8th to 15th October.

For more information on how to get involved visit the National Hate Crime Awareness Week Website: https://nationalhcaw.uk/

What is Hate Crime?

Hate crimes and hate incidents include any behaviour that is targeted at a person or group of people because of hostility or prejudice towards them. Safe and Sound (Dudley's community safety partnership) is committed to tackling hate crime and prejudices leading to hate crime and incidents.

A crime or incident is classed as 'hate' crime or incident if the person the act is aimed at, or a person witnessing the act, believes it to be because of any of the below actual or perceived characteristics of the victim.

- ***race or ethnicity***
- ***religion or belief***
- ***sexual orientation***
- ***gender identity***
- ***disability***

A victim of a hate crime/ incident does not have to be a member of a minority group or someone who is generally considered to be vulnerable. Effectively anyone can be the victim of a hate incident.

Incidents may involve physical assault, damage to property, bullying, harassment, verbal abuse or insults, offensive graffiti or letters /text messages emails/ comments over social networks.

For more information on online hate crime visit:
https://www.report-it.org.uk/reporting_internet_hate_crime

Useful Information and Resources:

A range of information and FREE resources, including links to training, can be found on in our helphub: https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/help-hub

Hate crime information and links: https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/hatecrime
Bullying Information and links: https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/bullying
Educational resources: https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/educationalresources

Easy read information on hate crime can be downloaded here:
https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/_files/ugd/f5e475_f0364eae3ba744efba58c7fab0783a6e.pdf

Specific advice around **'mate crime'** can be downloaded here:
https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/_files/ugd/970b20_8e9d8ca1b7e2455bb413b87d6eb9d849.pdf

If you are an educational setting and you would like an input from West Midlands Police Young Persons Officers, please Contact PC Andy Peters or PC Katie Russell on the following emails:

a.peters@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk / k.russell@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Reporting Hate Crime

National research has shown that incidents of hate crime are under-reported. safe & sound is committed to offering a variety of reporting mechanisms to ensure people can report in confidence where they feel most comfortable.

In Dudley, the main reporting options are:

West Midlands Police Call 999 in an emergency. For all other matters please visit WMPolice Online https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/

West Midlands Police Hate Crime App:
The Hate Crime App includes a useful guide that provides information and advice on all aspects of hate crime, with different languages available. The App also contains a reporting section that directly links to the West Midlands Police live chat service, in addition, it also offers other reporting options. The App is available on both Apple and Android and can be accessed via the below links:
itunes: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/hate-crime-5/id1465069762?ls=1
Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.c5consultancy.hatecrime.westmidlands

True Vision:
True Vision gives information about hate crime or incidents and advice on how to report it: www.report-it.org.uk

Victim Support: 01384 241511 or www.victimsupport.org.uk/live-chat or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk
Victim Support 'My Support Space' is an online resource designed to help you manage the impact that crime has had on you www.mysupportspace.org.uk/MOJ

Dudley Council Plus: 0300 555 2345

Third Party Reporting Centres
Other options for reporting are known as third party reporting centres. These allow victims to report acts of hate confidentially to organisations within their own communities. A list of Dudley's Third Party Reporting Centres can be found at: https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/hatecrime

Online Hate Crime

If you perceive some online material to be motivated by hate and you think it originates in the UK, you should report it to the police, you can also report it here:
https://www.met.police.uk/true-vision-report-hate-crime/hate-crime-online/

Support Available

Remedi

The 'Remedi' Hate Crime Victim Service provides **all** victims and witnesses of hate crime and hate incidents in Dudley with short-term or long-term emotional and practical support to enable them to cope and recover from the offence.

The service operates to be as flexible as possible for the victim, providing support face to face, online or over the phone. A dedicated support worker will build a support plan with the victim or witnesses to address the needs they may have as a result of the offence. This may include signposting and referrals to other agencies, advocacy, assistance with victim personal statements, emotional and practical support, support at court or providing personal security items.

Telephone: 0800 488 0894
Whatsapp: +44800 488 0894
Email: hatecrimevictimservice@remediuk.org

Victim Support

www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-victims/ive-been-affected/hate-crime

Kooth

Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people
https://kooth.com/

The What? Centre

The What? Centre is a Young Person's Advice and Counselling Service whose main base is Stourbridge and has another building in Dudley. The organisation also specialises in supporting LGBTQ young people and holds weekly LGBTQ+
groups for 13-18's and another group for 18-25's
www.thewhatcentre.co.uk