



Don't stay silent about
Hate Crime



GLASGOW'S HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 2020

BRIEFING

WHAT IS HATE CRIME:

Hate Crime in Scotland is recognised in criminal law as crimes that are motivated by prejudice based on:

- Race
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability
- Transgender identity

BACKGROUND to NATIONAL HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

Hate Crime Awareness Week is a UK wide campaign that has its roots in community responses to a number of serious hate crimes.

In April 1999 David Copeland, a 22-year-old electrician from Hampshire, planted three nail bombs in Brixton, Brick Lane and Soho in London, targeting the Asian, African Caribbean and gay communities. The bombs killed three people and injured 139. Copeland stated he wanted to cause a racial war in the UK.

17-24 -30 was set up to organise and facilitate Acts of Remembrance of the London nail bomb victims and actively works to remember all hate crime victims.

Hate Crime Awareness Week began with a community-organised vigil to show solidarity against hate crime, following the homophobic murder of Ian Baynham in Trafalgar Square in October 2009.

Since 2009 the day has become a national annual week of activity to remember victims and raise awareness of all forms of hate crime across the country. Stop Hate UK and 17-24-30 work in partnership to coordinate National Hate Crime Awareness Week at a UK level.

THE AIMS OF HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

Hate Crime Awareness Week aims to encourage Agencies to work with communities, third sector and local organisations to focus on:

- H - Hate Crime Awareness
- O - Operational Response to Hate Crime
- P - Preventing Hate Crime
- E - Empowering Communities to Report and Access support.

GLASGOW HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 2020

In order to raise awareness and provide a focus for activity to address hate crime, community safety partners have made Glasgow Hate Crime Awareness week an annual calendar event. 2020 will be the campaign's 6th year in Glasgow.

KEY DATES:

The campaign dates are Sunday 18 – Saturday 24 October

International Day of Hope and Remembrance for those Affected by Hate Crime: is Sun 18th October

14:00 Mon 19 October [Glasgow is No Place for Hate – online event](#)

THEME:

Glasgow is the largest and most diverse city in Scotland, renowned for its friendly inhabitants, with a long history of migrant communities settling here. However, sitting alongside this reputation for welcoming other nationalities and cultures, are incidents of harassment and abuse based on prejudice and historical links to the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

This year, Hate Crime Awareness Week will focus that positive image of Glasgow on addressing prejudice-based crime - Glasgow is no Place for Hate. The [Glasgow Hate Crime Pledge](#) will be used to promote messages about the stance the city takes against hate crime.

It is widely recognised that the number of hate crimes reported to the Police is the tip of the iceberg and that it is a continuing challenge to improve the level of reporting. For this reason, the campaign continues to seek ways to encourage and promote reporting, either directly to the police, through third party reporting centres or online.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2020 has an emphasis on disability hate crime. Glasgow will also place an emphasis on Disability Hate crime.

COORDINATION

Glasgow Hate Crime Working Group coordinates HCAW. This is a multi-agency group that leads on the Glasgow Hate Crime strategy.

GLASGOW HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK PROGRAMME

Hate Crime Awareness Week's programme of activity includes a social media campaign led by Glasgow City Council; radio advertising on Radio Awaz, Clyde and Sunny Govan, that aims to raise awareness and promote hate crime reporting; and an online event featuring film, poetry and a Q&A with Police Scotland and the Procurator Fiscal Service.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT HCAW 2020

You can support the week in many ways but here are some suggestions.

- Promote participation in our online event 14:00, Mon 19 Oct – [Glasgow is No Place for Hate registration](#)
- Share social media posts from Glasgow City Council, using the hash tags #GlasgowIsNoPlaceForHate #ReportHateCrime #HCAW2020 #HateCrimeAwarenessWeek #HateCrime
- Use your own online communication platforms to share messages that encourage reporting
- Sign up as an organisation to Glasgow's Hate Crime Pledge
- Become a Third-Party Reporting Site
- Incorporate the theme of Hate Crime Awareness into work that you have programmed during the week
- Let the media know about any activity you are doing to address hate crime
- Put information on websites, newsletters and social media about Hate Crime Awareness Week Encourage and support staff, colleagues, friends and service users to access resources e.g. www.hatecrimescotland.org
- Review your organisation's policies in relation to preventing, responding to and reporting hate crime.
- Ask colleagues to think about how they can become involved

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