



## **GLASGOW HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 18 – 24 Oct 2021**

### **WHAT IS HATE CRIME?**

Hate Crime in Scotland is currently recognised as crime that is motivated by prejudice based on:

- Age
- Disability
- Race
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation
- Transgender identity
- Variations in Sex Characteristics

### **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. These include

- The 1999 London Nail Bombings when bombs in Brixton, Brick Lane and Soho, which targeted the Asian, African Caribbean and gay communities, killing three people and injuring 139.
- The 2009 homophobic murder of Ian Baynham, which led to a national week of activity to remember victims and raise awareness of all forms of hate crime in the UK

### **GLASGOW HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK**

Glasgow took up the campaign in order to provide an annual focus for activity to address hate crime, and to educate and raise awareness about the harm of hate. This is our seventh campaign.

The campaign encourage agencies to work alongside partners, and communities affected by hate crime, by focusing on:

- Increasing knowledge and understanding of what hate crime is and the harm it causes
- How to respond when encountering hate crime either as a service provider; when it happens to someone you know; as a witness or as the victim of a hate crime.
- Preventing hate crime where possible
- Empowering communities to work together to tackle hate crime
- Promoting community cohesion by emphasising pride in Glasgow's diversity and reputation as a welcoming city, through the "This is our City and it's no Place for Hate" campaign

### **KEY DATES:**

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Glasgow Campaign starts. Please note this is earlier than the UK week in order to avoid a clash with the October school holiday in Glasgow
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 11<sup>th</sup> International Day of Hope and Remembrance for those Affected by Hate Crime

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED in HCAW 2021

Here are some suggestions about how you can support the campaign.

- Make and submit video clips for the “This is our City and it’s no place for Hate” campaign – guidelines on page 3.#GlasgowIsNoPlaceForHate
- Promote the Glasgow City Council social media campaign by sharing and retweeting our posts, using #HateCrime #WeStandTogether # GlasgowHCAW #NationalHCAW #NoPlaceForHate #SafePlaceForAll
- Ask staff and volunteers to make the pledge “I’m not staying silent about hate crime” and post their pictures on social media (pledge can be downloaded at [www.hatecrimescotland.org](http://www.hatecrimescotland.org) )
- Display materials such as posters and leaflets in your offices, meeting rooms and public areas (can be downloaded at [www.hatecrimescotland.org](http://www.hatecrimescotland.org))
- Organise events
- Incorporate the theme of Hate Crime Awareness into work that you have programmed during the week
- Review your organisation’s policies in relation to preventing, responding to and reporting hate crime.
- Organise training on Recognising and Responding to hate crime
- Become a Third-Party Reporting Site
- Let the media know about any activity you are doing to address hate crime
- Put information on websites and newsletters about Hate Crime Awareness Week
- Encourage and support staff, colleagues, friends and service users to access resources e.g. [www.hatecrimescotland.org](http://www.hatecrimescotland.org)
- Add Hate Crime Awareness Week banners to email signatures
- Ask colleagues to think about how they can become involved
- Have conversations about hate crime

## COORDINATION

The campaign is coordinated by Glasgow Hate Crime Working Group, which is part of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

A digital tool kit is available to support your engagement with the campaign. If you are organising events they can be promoted on the website [www.hatecrimescotland.org](http://www.hatecrimescotland.org)

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