

THANK YOU

Thank you from all at the Hate Crime Ambassador Team for your support and interest in the scheme.

If you have any questions or require any help in your role as an ambassador, please do not hesitate to contact us via email on

bolton.partnershipteam@gmp.police.uk

community.safety.services@bolton.gov.uk



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Advice Booklet for Ambassadors



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The police want to know if you or someone you know has been targeted in any way because of their:

- ◇ Race
- ◇ Religion
- ◇ Sexuality
- ◇ Disability
- ◇ Gender Identity
- ◇ Life Style or Dress Code

Bolton Adult Aspergers Support:

A group set up for those who care for adults with Aspergers
07772547158
www.boltonaspergersupport.co.uk

AFC Masters

A football club for adults and children with a disability living in the North West:
www.afcmasters.co.uk
012024 337100

Bolton Care 4

A group of parents and carers of adults with learning disabilities.
suemcneill@talktalk.net
01204 306971

Asian Elders Resource Centre:

A day care for elderly Asian people (age 50+)
www.aercbolton.co.uk
01204 651123

Breaking Barriers

A parent led group set up for carers families of children aged up to 25 with social and communication requirements.
www.breakingbarriersnw.com
07717434840

Bi-phoria

Manchester Based group set up to support Bi-Sexual and Bi-Curious people
www.biphoria.org.uk

Caribbean Elders Association:

Community group at Halliwell UCAN Centre
indutailor@hotmail.com

Bolton CVS Self Help Directory – www.biktibcvs.org.uk/self-help-directory

This booklet contains a wider range of help and support groups that are available for a large section of the community in and around Bolton.

USEFUL WEBSITES :

- ◇ WWW.BOLTON.GOV.UK/HATECRIME
- ◇ WWW.GMP.POLICE.UK/HATECRIME
- ◇ WWW.REPORT-IT.ORG.UK

The Sophie Lancaster Foundation

A charity set up to support those who identify as belonging to alternative sub-culture which aims to stamp out prejudice
www.sophielancasterfoundation.com

Bolton LGBT Youth Group

A Lesbian, Gay, Bi – Sexual and Transgender Group for teenagers between 13-19
boltonlgbtyouth@bolton.gov.uk

LGBT on line support

www.turn2me.org
Bolton Pride—Boltons first LGBT Pride Festival
ww.boltonpride.com

BAND

A group set up to help those suffering with mental health conditions
 Bolton YMCA, 125 Deansgate
 01204 380643 www.band.org.uk

BCOM – Bolton Council of Mosques

Free confidential advice and counselling service
www.bcom.org
 01204 363680

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

A group set up to help new and emerging communities in Bolton
 01204 399239
www.boltonbsca.com

An Introduction to Hate Crime

In 2015, people all over the world are still hassled, abused, attacked, victimised and targeted simply because of who they are. Many of these people will be victims of hate crime.

But hate crime isn't something that happens to other people, it can happen to any of us and it happens here in Bolton. Some people may be more likely to become a victim of hate crime, but we can all be affected by it.

Importantly, we all have a role in tackling hate crime. Our role could be in raising awareness of hate crime or encouraging more people to report it and access support. The Hate Crime Ambassadors Scheme aims to recruit motivated people from all walks of life to do just this. It is hoped that the Ambassador Scheme will create new opportunities for people to become informed about hate crime, be that while they are at work, at school, when they are at a club or pub, taking part in a leisure activity, at the gym, even on social media.

This scheme is important because we know that hate crime is under-reported. This means that there is a lot more hate crime occurring than the police are currently aware of. We think more people will report hate crime if they know what it is and that the police want to hear about it. In fact, it doesn't even need to be a crime at all to report hate to the police. The police are just as interested in hearing about what are called hate incidents (like anti-social behaviour).

The Role of An Ambassador

Hate Crime Ambassadors are ideally placed to help in spreading the word and encouraging more people who experience hate crime to let the police know.

Being a **Hate Crime Ambassador** is an important role. It does not require a huge commitment of your time, but there are some things we would like to ensure that Hate Crime Ambassadors Do and Don't Do. In essence, we are asking for you to think about ways you can raise awareness of hate crime during your normal day. It could be something as simple as ensuring you mention it to friends if the subject comes up in conversation; or something more involved, like establishing a workplace policy on hate crime.

With no exceptions, if you experience or witness hate crime, get to a place of safety as soon as possible and contact the police at the earliest opportunity.

Do's and Don'ts

DO

- ◇ Inform friends, family and colleagues of what hate crime is; how it can be reported; and that the police will take all reports of hate seriously.
- ◇ Signpost anyone you know who may have been a victim or witness of a hate to places where it can be reported. This could be directly to the police, online via www.report-it.org.uk; or by visiting a third party centre.
- ◇ Where you can, share information, good news stories, and safety tips; identify ways to take part in hate crime awareness raising campaigns; formalise hate crime as a specific theme of your workplace policies. We will keep you informed of what is going on and ways to get involved.

DON'T

- ◇ Intervene or challenge anyone directly if you witness a hate crime occurring.
- ◇ Try to investigate or mediate in any instances of hate crime which you become aware of.
- ◇ Enter into discussions or arguments with individuals or groups who disagree with the police's efforts to tackle hate crime or who say things which are prejudiced or hostile.
- ◇ Purposely seek out individuals or groups (either in person or online) who you know may hold prejudiced or hateful attitudes to try and dissuade them from holding these views.