

Stamp Out Hate Crime Campaign

Stop the suffering, stop the suicides, stop the harm

Some highlights of the story so far...

Over 90% of people Northampton Youth Forum surveyed in Northampton in 2011 told us to do something about bullying and homophobia, told us to do something about related issues of mental health and low self-esteem, told us more should be done in schools, told us people don't take homophobic bullying seriously. Young people tell us many youth don't realise bullying can also be hate crime. Young people tell us 'hate crime' has consequences. Young people tell us 'bullying' is often perceived as 'not serious' and 'childish'. Young people tell us youth fear losing 'street cred' if they speak up at school. People close to Natasha Warnes asked us to do something about bullying.

We do not want anyone else to suffer in silence or to take their own lives.

We want young people and others to understand the issues, to know how to get help.

We want you to help stamp out hate crime. Together we can make a difference.

How you can help – some suggestions:

Facebook page - please 'like' it. Join us there to make a show of solidarity.

Don't wait until you or your friend is a victim of hate crime and bullying. Join now.

Get info about free resources for schools and groups to use.

Find out what celebrities are doing to tackle the issues.

Find out about famous celebrities who have survived hate crime and bullying.

Get your group/school involved, share what you're doing and get yourselves featured!

Add our link and logo, update your web pages to mention hate crime and bullying

Make it easy for people to get help and information.

Use our posters or customise them to add your own logo in your school or organisation

We have versions with the Facebook page addresses.

We have versions with ordinary web page addresses for people who don't do Facebook.

Get creative - use courses, school council, community work... to stamp out hate crime.

Dance? Music? Drama? Photography? Assemblies? Film? Themed cupcakes in cookery?

Do something for World AIDS Day (1 December) and Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January).

Please help stamp out hate crime. Web sites featured on our Facebook page include those with lesson plans and other free resources for activities for young people.

Wanna be famous? Or at least in our exhibition?

We want to hear from school students, youth groups, people of all ages about things they've done to tackle bullying and hate crime, to inspire other people, to challenge the stigma about speaking up and seeking help. We are building the exhibition now. We'll launch it in April 2012.

And when school's out for the summer, please look out for us, and come and see us

at community events such as Northampton Carnival and Umbrella Fair.

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