Devon Hate Crime Awareness Week

Programme

A week of activities and events aimed at raising awareness of Devon’s diversity and helping more people to understand what Hate Crime is, how to respond to it and how to encourage reporting.

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Introduction

This programme of activities and events is Devon’s contribution to National Hate Crime Awareness week 2014. District, city and county councils, the Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office have all been involved in putting this programme together but most of the activities and events are being run by local community groups from Devon’s 3rd sector: a reflection of the vital role that these front-line community organisations, often run with the goodwill of volunteers, play in supporting victims of hate and prejudice.

Devon is proud to be ranked as one of the safest counties in the UK but we want that to be true for everyone, irrespective of gender, gender-orientation, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

Some of the events listed are closed so as to reach specific audiences, these are titled in Red.

Other activities, marked in Green, are open. See individual entries for details of how to book your place.

Jenny Rayner & Dave Wright

Devon County Council

Our thanks to Mr Mahi Ahmed who helped to put this programme together.
“Crimes which are motivated by hatred and prejudice can have a devastating impact, not just on the direct victims but on the wider community: isolating individuals, spreading fear and mistrust across minority communities and threatening the cohesion of our society. Hate crime is an issue for all of us in Devon and Cornwall, which is why I am delighted to support this extensive programme of activities and events taking place across the county during National Hate Crime Awareness week.

The range of the programme – both in terms of content and geography - also highlights the vital role played by community and voluntary groups in Devon, working hand-in-hand with our local community safety partnerships, in raising awareness of hate crime and in celebrating Devon’s diversity”

Tony Hogg

Devon and Cornwall's Police and Crime Commissioner
Hiblio TV

Hiblio is a community channel, created by the South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and dedicated to “health, wellbeing and lifestyle”. To look at Hiblio’s viewing schedule go to http://www.hiblio.tv/live

**Date:** 13th Oct **Time:** 11.30am ‘Hate Crime’ presented by Sally Kingdon and Rod Landman. **Time:** 1.30pm ‘Safe Places’ with Devon Link Up and Devon & Cornwall Police.

Hate Crime Awareness Workshops for speakers of other languages

Olive Tree run free English classes across Devon. This week the volunteer teachers will be delivering specially written lessons to raise awareness of hate crime and how to report.

**Organisation:** Olive Tree Association

**Various dates and locations:** From 11-18th Oct including Cullompton, Exeter, Teignmouth, Newton Abbott, Honiton Torquay and Exmouth. Open to all speakers of English as another language.

For details of classes go to [www.devongrapevine.ning.com/m](http://www.devongrapevine.ning.com/m)

**Contact:** Kate O’Neill on 01392 277807 or ota.devon@yahoo.co.uk

Local Heroes (see centre pages)

Local Heroes is a project that was piloted by Devon and Cornwall Police in 2013 to help schools address issues of intolerance and discrimination. Now spreading across the UK, Local Heroes has produced a new film aimed at raising awareness of the damaging effects of Hate Crime and signposting young people to the Local Heroes website where they can find support and guidance. The new film will be shown in schools across the county during Hate Crime Awareness week.

**Organisation:** Devon and Cornwall Police/True Vision
Exeter

**Cookery and Safe Places Workshop**

A workshop where people with learning disabilities will learn more about the revived Safe Places scheme and will also acquire some new cookery skills.

**Organisation:** Devon Link-Up  
**Date:** 13th Oct **Time:** 3pm - 5pm  
**Venue:** St. Sidwells Community Centre

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**Multicultural Line Dancing Event**

**Organisation:** Hikmat Devon  
**Date:** 17th Oct **Time:** 3pm - 4pm  
**Venue:** Princesshay, Exeter  
**Contact:** 01392 314753 or hikmatdevon@gmail.com

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**Understanding Islamophobia**

Speakers at this open discussion will include the Very Reverend Jonathan Draper (Dean of Exeter) and Imam Mohammed Abrar (Imam of Exeter Mosque).

**Organisation:** Centre for Human Rights and Social Equality with Devon Faith and Belief Forum.  
**Date:** 16th Oct **Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** Central Library Exeter  
**Contact:** Suaad@chumanrights.org.uk or Suaad 07792373347

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**Transgender Awareness Workshop**

**Organisation:** LGB Transaction  
**Date:** TBC **Time:** TBC  
**Contact:** becky@lgbtransaction.org or dave.wright@devon.gov.uk
An Evening of International Music, Storytelling and Food

Raising money for Cultural champions - Families and children welcome
**Date:** 18th Oct  **Time:** 6.45pm
**Cost:** Tickets £15.00 per head
**Venue:** Cultural Café @ St Sidwells Community Centre
**Contact:** Sandhya Dave on 01392 438811 to purchase tickets or ddeglobalcentredevon.org.uk

Diversity Day at St Sidwell’s: A Celebration of Exeter’s Diversity

Including displays and food from Indonesia and Russia.
**Organisation:** St Sidwell’s Community Centre
**Date:** 17th Oct  **Time:** 10am - 2pm
**Contact:** 01392 666222 or for bookings bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Come Along, Cook Along Eid Celebration Day

**Organisation:** Devon United Women
**Date:** 11th Oct  **Time:** 11am - 3pm
**Venue:** St. Sidwells Community Centre
**Contact:** Suaad 07792373347 or duw2007@yahoo.co.uk

Staying Safe: LGBTQ* Community Experience in Devon

The Intercom Trust explain community members’ experiences in relation to LGBTQ and what it means for local communities.

**Organisation:** The Intercom Trust
**Date:** 15th Oct  **Time:** 1.00pm - 3.00pm
**Venue:** St. Sidwells Community Centre
**Contact:** Michael Halls on 01392 201015
**Email:** michael@intercomtrust.org.uk

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Finding out more about Islam

Presentation, discussion and food-tasting for home-educated children.
Organisation: Salam Association
Date: 15th Oct
Venue: Belmont Hut

Support to Report

This interactive workshop on reporting disability related abuse, facilitated by Tina Feather, is for members of Horizon Gateway Club Exeter.
Date: 15th Oct  Time: 7pm - 9pm
Contact: tina.feather@btinternet.com

Hate Crime Drop-In Clinic at Refugee Support Devon

Open to all refugees and asylum seekers looking for support or advice.
Organisation: Refugee Support Group Devon
Date: 16th Oct
Venue: Exeter Community Centre, 17 St David’s Hill
Contact: info@rsgdevon.org.uk

Fun Day

A cross-cultural day of sport, fun and food.
Organisation: Fil - Brit and Devon Basketball Association
Date: 25th Oct Time: 10am - 9pm
Venue: Isca School, Exeter
Bullying on the grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability can constitute a Hate Crime. The Crime Survey for England & Wales shows that 13% of 10-15 year olds are victims of crime and over 50% of Hate Crime goes unreported or unrecognised.

Originally started by Devon and Cornwall Police, Local Heroes works with young people to challenge intolerance and prevent bullying by celebrating diversity. The Local Heroes approach is unique. Their free roadshows are lead by trained youth workers and celebrity heroes. Through a mixture of short films created specifically for Local Heroes and group discussions, students are taught how prejudice based bullying can constitute Hate Crime and are given the confidence to recognise and report it. The students that take part

Bullying remains a serious issue for children and young people; it is estimated that 69% of children are bullied at some point and 16,000 children between 11 & 15 across England are off school at any one time because of bullying.

www.lhdiversity.org.uk
then return to their schools as Local Heroes’ Ambassadors equipped with the knowledge, support and resources to cascade the learning to their peer groups.

In 2013 Local Heroes worked with Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Katherine Endacott, Pro cyclist Chris Opie and Paralympians Robin Williams and Keryn Seal and received feedback from students such as: “People who have been through a lot can overcome it and show the bullies they have changed”, “It was great hearing other people’s stories, knowing I’m not the only one”, “People need to stand up for each other and stop things” and “I’m going to raise awareness in my own school about diversity, race, sexuality etc”.

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Throughout Hate Crime Awareness Week a short film made by Local Heroes and commissioned by the Ministry of Justice’s Hate Crime programme True Vision will be made available to Secondary schools all over Devon. This film will raise awareness of the damaging effects of Hate Crime and signpost young people to the Local Heroes website where they can find support, guidance and the facility to report Hate Crime.

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North Devon and Torridge

**Understanding Islam Workshop**

Neomi Alam explains the basics of Islam as a religion and what it means for local communities. Available to staff and college students.

**Date:** 15th Oct  **Time:** 10.30am - 2.30pm  
**Venue:** Hosted by Petroc in Barnstaple  
**Contact:** Neomi Alam on neomialam@hotmail.com

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**Organisation:** The Intercom Trust  
**Date:** 16th Oct  **Time:** 10.30am - 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Sunrise Community Centre, 25 Castle St, Barnstaple  
**Contact:** Michael Halls on 01392 201015  
**Email:** michael@intercomtrust.org.uk

**Food tasting day for all**

A chance to sample cuisines from around the world.

**Organisation:** Hikmat Devon  
**Date:** 14th Oct  **Time:** 12pm - 1pm  
**Venue:** Youth House Market Barnstaple  
**Contact:** 01392 314753 or hikmatdevon@gmail.com

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What is Hate Crime and How to Report It

Open to members of Abbey Gateway Club Members.
**Organisation:** Devon People First Partnership and Tina Feather
**Date:** 17th Oct  **Time:** 7pm - 9pm
**Venue:** Abbey Gateway Club Pilton

Sunrise Diversity Project Launch

With funding secured from the Big Lottery, North Devon Sunrise CIC prepares to re-launch core services and activities, including drop-in & information centres, sports activities, training and much more.
**Organisation:** North Devon Sunrise CIC
**Date:** 16th Oct  **Time:** 12pm - 3pm
**Venue:** The Guildhall, Butcher’s Row, Barnstaple EX31 1BW
**Contact:** Muktar Ahmed on 07922 714688

Culture Inequality and Health

A workshop for Domestic Violence support service workers organised by Health Promotion Devon.
**Date:** 14th Oct  **Time:** 1pm - 4.30pm
**Venue:** NDADA offices in Barnstaple
**Contact:** 01769 575 157
**Email:** ndht.HPDTraining@nhs.net

FGM* Awareness Workshop

A workshop to raise awareness of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and understanding the risks of FGM. For staff and college students in Barnstaple Hosted by Petroc.
**Organisation:** Njenni Enterprise
**Contact:** Alexis Wright on alexis@njennienterprise.co.uk

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**Mid and East Devon**

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**Mate Crime Awareness Workshop**

What is Mate Crime? How to recognize it and How to Avoid it.

**Organisation:** Safety Net.

**Date:** 17th Oct  **Time:** 10am - 11.30am

**Venue:** Tiverton Town Hall

**Contact:** Rod Landman or rod.landman@arcuk.org.uk

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**Culture Inequality and Health**

This course enables learners to explore concepts of culture, inequality and health in a supportive environment.

**Date:** 15th Oct  **Time:** 1pm - 4.30pm

**Venue:** Bidmead Centre, Exmouth EX8 2TF

**Organisation:** Health Promotion Devon

**Contact:** 01769 575 157 or email: ndht.HPDTraining@nhs.net

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**Venue:** TBC

**Contact:** Neomi Alam on neomialam@hotmail.com

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**Hate Crime Awareness Workshop for the Deaf**

With the Deaf Community Tiverton Deaf Club.

**Date:** 18th Oct

**Venue:** St Andrew Street, Tiverton, TAS 33

**Contact:** Kristy.Cooper@livingoptions.org
Hate Crime Awareness Workshop for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students

**Organisation:** CISCO (Crediton International Cultural and Social Organisation)  
**Date:** 15th Oct  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** CISCO, Crediton

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South Hams, Teignbridge, Torbay and West Devon

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**Organisation:** The Intercom Trust  
**Venue:** Courtenay Centre, Newton Abbot  
**Date:** 14th Oct  
**Time:** 2pm - 4pm  
**Contact:** Michael Halls on 01392 201015  
**Email:** michael@intercomtrust.org.uk

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**A workshop with older students examining the language of hate**

Working with older students and using our film ‘Porrajmos’ that looks at the language of hate.  
**Organisation:** PDREC (Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council)  
**Venue:** Ivybridge Community College and Newton Abbot  
**Contact:** Penny Dane penny@devonrec.org or 07979 838 138

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**Disability workshop**

To include definitions, statistics, perceptions. How to identify and help people with various conditions.

**Organisation:** St. Loyes  
**Date:** TBC  
**Time:** TBC  
**Venue:** TASS Tavistock  
**Contact:** Kelly Lake or Kelly.Lake@stloyes.ac.uk

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**Date:** 17th Oct  
**Time:** 1pm - 3pm  
**Venue:** Totnes, TBC  
**Contact:** Rod Landman Rod.landman@arcuk.org.uk

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**Disability Hate Crime School Assembly**

An interactive assembly delivered by people with learning disabilities to students attending Devon Studio School

**Organisation:** Exeter and District Mencap Society  
**Email:** tina.feather@btinternet.com

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**Meet & Greet for people from other cultures living in Devon**

Social event with international food and music, Open to all speakers of English as another language.

**Organisation:** Devon Grapevine  
**Date:** 15th Oct  
**Time:** 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Avenue Church, Newton Abbot  
**Contact:** Tat Ruck on 01392 277807 or tat.grapevine@hotmail.co.uk
Making the Best Use of Interpreters

Organisation: Multilingua Devon
Date: TBC Time: TBC
Contact: info@multilinguadevon.co.uk or dave.wright@devon.gov.uk

Mutual respect and co-operation between the faith communities in the interest of the patient and family at end of life

A discussion chaired by a panel of representatives from local faith communities
Organisation: Healthwatch Torbay
Venue: Horizon Centre, Torquay. TQ2 7BP
Date: 17th Oct Time: 2-4pm
Contact: admin@healthwatchtorbay.org.uk

Safer North Devon, its partners and the local communities of North Devon and Torridge are very much looking to Hate Crime Awareness Week. The activities included will be interesting and informative to those who attend. The programme will stimulate debate amongst the partners of Safer North Devon and serve to inform and develop our practice. Our local community will benefit from this series of events and allow us time to reflect on any issues raised.

South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership is very pleased to be able to host a number of events during the Hate Crime Awareness Week, especially as the Partnership was very much involved in the development of the Safe Place Scheme and Keeping Safe Booklets for adults with learning disabilities living in South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon. The Safe Place Scheme, in particular, has been rolled out throughout Devon and Cornwall and many areas of the UK and shows what can be achieved with small amounts of funding, huge commitment of appropriate agencies, and in this case, the invaluable input of those with learning disability.