



National Hate Crime Awareness Week – Press Release

October 8th 2016 marks the beginning of the 5th annual National Hate Crime Awareness Week #NHCAW. The week starts with a special launch event at St Paul's Cathedral, followed by hate crime awareness events across the UK.

Aptly, the theme this year is 'Standing Together' with all the people affected by the horrendous acts of hatred that have happened all around the world.

The week is organised by the anti-hate crime charity 17-24-30 No Hate Crime Campaign, in partnership with Stop Hate UK, the leading Hate Crime charity.

Last year over 200 events were organised and registered on the 17-24-30 website; its aim is to list as many hate crime events and activities taking place around the UK and add them to our annual National Hate Crime Google maps.

The week's aim is to encourage all of us including local authorities, local councils and local police services to work together with communities affected by Hate Crime across the UK to stage Hate Crime awareness events to promote a message of HOPE.

The acronym HOPE stands for:

- **H**ate crime awareness,
- **O**perational response to hate crime,
- **P**reventing hate crime and
- **E**mpowering communities to report hate crime and access support services.

Founder of 17-24-30, Mark Healey says "We are very proud that National Hate Crime Awareness Week is now being marked by so many local authorities and organisations around the UK. This will be our biggest year yet but there is still so much more that needs to be done. We need to get every local authority involved. We want people to organise and get involved in hate crime awareness events everywhere around the UK, to remember those we have lost, and stand together with all those affected by these horrendous attacks. Working together we will eliminate all forms of hate crime."

Rose Simkins, Chief Executive of Stop Hate UK believes it's an important week in the calendar by adding "We wholeheartedly support National Hate Crime Awareness week and we would encourage people to show their support to the many people affected by Hate Crime. Although every week is Hate Crime Awareness week for Stop Hate UK the week gives others the

opportunity to show their support for this vital work and for us all to work closer together.”

The week is supported at both organisations’ websites and via social media using #NHCAW.

Notes to the Editor

Stop Hate UK is one of the leading national organisations working to challenge all forms of Hate Crime and discrimination, based on any aspect of an individual’s identity. Stop Hate UK provides independent, confidential and accessible reporting and support for victims, witnesses and third parties. Stop Hate UK will provide services for people affected by or witnessing Hate Crime.

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Stop Hate UK

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21 years of challenging hate





17-24-30 represents the combined dates of the three London nail bombs targeted at Brixton (17th April), Brick Lane (24th April) and Soho (30th April) in 1999.

David Copeland, a homophobic racist nail bomber targeted the Black, Asian and Gay communities of Brixton, Brick Lane and Soho because he wanted to create a climate of fear which he believed would lead to the election of the British National Party at the European Elections.

A Facebook group was set up in April 2009 to mark the 10th anniversary of the London Nail Bomb attacks, its primary aim is to organise and facilitate the April Acts of Remembrance #AAR to mark the anniversaries of the attacks on Brixton, Brick Lane and Soho.

In October 2009 following the death of Ian Baynham, 17-24-30 organised the first London Vigil Against Hate Crime in Trafalgar Square. It was attended by over 10,000 people. The vigils took place between 2009 to 2012.

In 2012 the London Vigil Against Hate Crime evolved into National Hate Crime Awareness Week #NHCAW, 17-24-30 in partnership with Stop Hate UK will hold its 5th annual week in October 2016.

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7 years spreading hate crime awareness