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## **WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE BACKS NATIONAL HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK (13 OCT 2018)**

West Yorkshire Police along with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) are backing the national hate crime awareness week which starts today. (Saturday 13 October)

The forces 'Hate Hurts' campaign aims to raise awareness of what hate crime and hate incidents are and to encourage communities to report these issues when they take place. vAssistant Chief Constable Catherine Hankinson from West Yorkshire Police said:

"Hate crime can have a devastating impact on the victim but also on the wider community. We take reports of hate crime extremely seriously.

"West Yorkshire Police is committed to engaging with communities to address the historic under-reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents.

"As a force we employ dedicated Hate Crime coordinators across districts in order to assist investigating officers in identifying perpetrators, providing after care support for victims and to increase awareness of hate crime.

"We work closely with local councils, Victim Support and the numerous community based West Yorkshire third party Hate Incident Reporting Centres to ensure that victims, witnesses and other affected parties are support and have the opportunity to report incidents in an alternative location to a police station.

"If you have experienced hate crime or an incident then please report it in any way you feel comfortable. By the police being made aware of an incident, we can deal with it and potentially prevent the same thing happening to someone else."

Mark Burns-Williamson, West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), said:

"Hate Crime Awareness Week is a great opportunity to stand together with our communities and reject hate and intolerance.

"Tackling hate crime continues to be a focus in my Police and Crime Plan, as well as recognising hate incidents and working with partners and communities to prevent escalation.

"A host of work has been done and is on-going, I have worked with West Yorkshire Police for a number of years to run the "Hate Hurts" campaign which looks to raise awareness of the issues and how to report them. I have helped fund Victims Hubs in every district of West Yorkshire where anyone affected by crime can go and get the support they need.

"I have also funded and worked with many dedicated community groups and charities who are raising awareness of hate crime, supporting victims and preventing incidents from taking place in the first place, such as Stop Hate UK who created a bespoke West Yorkshire free smartphone app for reporting hate crime, including lots of other useful information.'



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A number of events are taking place across the area throughout the whole week.

**Kirklees:**

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**Bradford:**

Information roadshow at Bradford Royal Infirmary - Monday 15th October - 10-3pm

Roadshow at Keighley College Campus Tuesday 16th October 10am-4pm

Keighley Town Hall Tuesday 16th October TBC

Hate Crime Awareness sessions delivered to Sudanese Community 6pm-7pm Tuesday 16th  
October

Hate Crime Awareness session delivered to Easter European Youth Group at Laisterdyke  
Youth Club Tuesday 16, 7.30pm till 8.30pm

Hate Crime Awareness event Manningham Mills Community Centre The Silk Warehouse  
10.30am to 1pm.

Hate Crime Awareness Conference at Bradford University Wednesday 17, 10am-2pm

Hate Crime Awareness Event at Bradford College Wednesday 17, 1pm - 4pm

Hate Crime Awareness Event at Metro Interchange Thursday 18, 10am-4pm

Broadcast anti-hate message to all faith Communities - Friday and across the weekend at  
various venues across the Bradford district.

**Wakefield:**

Hate Crime Monday 15th October 2018 9.30am - 11:30am Wakefield Town Hall To book  
yourself onto one of our courses, please visit: [https://www.wakefieldscb.org.uk/training-  
courses/](https://www.wakefieldscb.org.uk/training-courses/)

**Calderdale:**

Hate Crime Exhibition at the LGBT Village Bar, Halifax 7pm -1pm 18 October

Hate Crime stand in the foyer of Calderdale College Monday 15- Friday 19



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**Leeds:**

Hate Crime Awareness event Millennium Square, Leeds 13 October

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Anyone with information about a hate crime or incidents is asked to report it to the police or an independent Hate Incident Reporting Centre or the Stop Hate UK App.

Reports to the police can be made by calling 999 in an emergency, calling 101 for a non-emergency, online at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/abuse-anti-social-behaviour/hate-crime/hate-crime-hate-incidents> or [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk) or by calling in to a police station. Details on Hate Incident Reporting Centres can also be found on West Yorkshire Police's website.