Hate Crime Awareness Week 2018
Lesson Plan/1

The Impact of Prejudice and Discrimination

Delivery context: Assembly or short presentation at School/College/Youth Group (10 minutes)

Part 1: National Hate Crime Awareness Week 13 to 20 October 2018 (5 minutes)

To mark Hate Crime Awareness Week, here’s a link to a short animated film ‘I Can’t Ignore Hate Crime, Can You?’ about the impact of Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes, followed by some information below to share with staff and pupils in an assembly (or large group).

https://youtu.be/V2yfxsnauwM

Part 2: Hate incidents and hate crimes and what do to if you experience it or are a witness (2 minutes)

There are types of negative behaviour that could be a hate incident or even a crime if directed towards someone for who they are if based on their perceived or real ‘difference’ and vulnerability; because of their: disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or because they are transgender (some examples): Verbal abuse, damage to your home, harassment on the bus, bullying and intimidation, physical assault, abusive phone-calls or texts and online comments, threats of violence.

DEFINITIONS

A Hate Incident is any incident DOES NOT constitute a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by prejudice or hate.

A Hate Crime is any such incident which DOES constitute a criminal offence.

Part 3: What can YOU do about it, either as a victim or a witness? (3 minutes)

- Tell someone you trust – parent, teacher, youth worker
- Report it to Wiltshire Police: call 999 in an emergency or 101. For more information go to www.wiltshire.police.uk
- True Vision: www.report-it.org.uk
- Stop Hate UK: 0800 138 1625 www.stophateuk.org
- Victim Support: 0808 281 0113 www.victimsupport.org.uk
- Crimestoppers: report anonymously on 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- Citizens Advice Bureau: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

If you are witness to an incident (whether at or away from school), or are a trusted adult: challenge negative language or behaviour /support those affected/report it yourself as above.

PRESENTER NOTE – It is important to emphasise how valuable it is for incidents and crimes that are motivated by prejudice to be reported and recorded. Even if this is done anonymously, this creates an understanding of the extent of the problem that will enable something to be done about the issue.

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