

Guidance Notes

Building Confident and Cohesive Communities

“NO ONE SHOULD FACE VIOLENCE, ABUSE OR HATRED JUST BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE, WHO THEY LOVE, WHERE THEY’RE FROM, WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE OR WHAT THEY BELIEVE.”

Hate crime is defined as ‘any criminal offences perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility, prejudice, towards someone based on a personal characteristic’. In Greater Manchester hate crime is monitored across six strands: race, religion, sexual orientation, trans identity, disability and alternative subcultures.

Hate crime is significantly under-reported. Even in difficult times, continued efforts by local groups and organisations are needed to raise awareness of and challenge hate crime in our communities and to help instil confidence in victims by highlighting how and where hate crime incidents can be reported.

Through Action Together on behalf of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, funding available annually to support projects across Tameside that promote awareness of hate crime and how to report it.

In previous grants rounds, a majority of funded projects have been public events. However, Covid-19 has had a huge impact in every community in the borough and across all areas of our lives, making the delivery of effective Hate Crime Awareness activities more complex.

Project proposals submitted to this programme must fit with the government’s coronavirus social-distancing measures and include careful consideration of the safety both of those delivering the activity and its intended audience. For latest guidance, please check the website www.gov.uk/coronavirus

What can the funding be used for?

The main aims of these grants are to:

- Raise awareness of what Hate Crime is.
- Increase the reporting of Hate Crime.

Organisations must engage local people beyond their existing membership networks and should be:

- Hold an awareness raising activity that can help become the catalyst for further conversations or
- Delivering a longer-term project to help local people find out more about hate crime.
- Helping to change/challenge the behaviours, narratives and perceptions of Hate Crime
- Highlight the support of third-party reporting centres and encouraging more victims to report hate crimes to either the Police or third-party reporting centres across the Borough

Groups can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 to assist with the type of event / activity / project referred to above.

The funds can be used to cover the costs of speakers, arts/crafts, running workshops, developing a play or a film, or any other reasonable costs for holding an activity or event as part of National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2021. Expenses for volunteer time and food and refreshments will not be excepted.

Who is the funding for?

To be eligible a group must be a member of Action Together based in Tameside and engaging with local people beyond their existing membership networks.

Successful applications will need to attend a two-hour online Hate Crime Awareness Session (date to be confirmed)

We welcome applications from groups that are new to the programme as well as those who have applied previously. Where appropriate, we also encourage partnership or joint applications for this funding.

Priority will be given to innovative projects which show an awareness of more than one strand of hate crime and projects which can show a tangible product at the end that can then be re-used e.g. hate crime awareness resources such as posters, film clips, music, artwork, presentation materials and research documents and findings etc.

Only one application for funding will be accepted per organisation.

Completing the application form

- Please ensure that ALL boxes on this form are completed.
- Submit your application online to investments@actiontogether.org.uk
- Applications will be accepted until Thursday 1 April 2021 but may close sooner if the fund is exhausted.
- The online panel will aim to make a decision within 10 working-days of your submission and you will be notified by email of the outcome of your application.

If you have any queries about the application form or application process, please contact Roma Hashim on 0161 339 2345 or Email:

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