



It's Not a Crime to be Different

Resources for:
Years 9 and 10



Discussion

Thinking About Identity

- What do you think makes up your own “identity”?
- What do you think are the benefits of a diverse community?
- What qualities do you think are needed for a community to be happy and diverse?
- Have you ever felt discriminated against because of who you are?
- Have you ever witnessed this happening to someone else?



 Video

Watch the Video

Co-created with Hertfordshire Police



Discussion

Hate Crimes

- What is a “Hate Crime”?



Hate Crimes

Any crime can be prosecuted as a Hate Crime if the offender has either: demonstrated hostility based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity. Or been motivated by hostility based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity. Someone can be a victim of more than one type of hate crime.

Discussion

Hate Crimes

- Why do you think some people commit Hate Crimes?



Discussion

Hate Crimes

Perhaps they're influenced by others, perhaps they're copying the behaviour of peers / family members who are discriminatory towards certain people because of who they are, perhaps they've been "taught to hate" due to their social situation.



 Discussion

Hate Crimes

- Why do you think some Hate Crimes go unreported?



Hate Crimes

What if the victim feels too scared to report it, in case the harassment gets worse?

What if the victim physically isn't able to report it as they're pre-verbal?

What if the victim doesn't even realise that the harassment they're experiencing is a hate crime?

What if they just think there's no point, as it won't be taken seriously?

Discussion

Hate Crimes

- What lasting impact on an individual, or a community, might a single hate crime, or series of hate crimes, have?



Discussion

Hate Crimes

- If it isn't a crime, is it really that bad?
- What is a Hate Incident?



Hate Crimes

“A Hate Incident is any incident which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone’s prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.”

It doesn’t have to include a criminal act.

Hate Crimes

- Can you think of any examples, from real life / TV / the media?
- Example: [Jade Owen](#)
Was Jade the victim of a hate crime, a Hate Incident or both?
- Why do you think it's important to not just report hate crimes, but report hate incidents too?
- Why might it be hard for someone to report a Hate Crime or hate incident?

Discussion

Hate Crimes

- What lessons can we learn from history and what can we do to create a more tolerant society?



Hate Crimes

If you're the victim of a Hate Incident or a hate crime, or you see/ hear someone else being victimised, **REPORT IT!**  Tell a trusted adult

-  If it's an emergency, phone 999
-  If it's not an emergency phone 101
-  Or report it online

Discussion

Be BRAVE. Be the positive change, be the allies to those who need it and be the leaders of tomorrow

- **B**e tolerant and accepting of others.
- **R**eport hate incidents and hate crimes.
- **A**dvocate for those who may find it harder to speak up.
- **V**oice concerns about the use of prejudicial language or behaviour in your school.
- **E**ducate yourself, and others around you, about equity and diversity.





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