



You are invited to participate in Croydon's Hate Crime Awareness Week 2018 being hosted this year by Croydon Council and CVA. With hate crime on the rise it is a vital time for our borough to be tackling the issue head on and our week-long event programme invites you to do exactly that; the week comprises of 7 thematic discussion panels as well as other activities led by a host of community organisations. Each panel will discuss in depth the nature of hate crime and incidents occurring in the borough through shedding light on community experiences and how residents, the voluntary sector and public organisations are both responding to what is happening on the ground and finding ways to prevent the conditions that give rise to hate crime.

13th October Treating Misogyny as a Hate Crime

Time: 2pm:

Doors Open 1.30pm and view safe space exhibition the "hedge" by Lenses

Panel Discussion 2pm- 4pm facilitated by ANOS and Skye Alexandra

Location: First Floor Space, Whitgift Centre

With growing national political debate about whether misogyny should be including as a hate crime, local community groups in Croydon look at the real lived experiences of women in the borough and the work residents are doing to prevent conditions of hate crime towards women. The discussion panel will also include a presentation of Thornton Heath based campaign "The Hedge" which seeks to highlight how women are excluded from public spaces and policy making and how this impacts on their safety.

15th October Hate Crime and Older People

Times:

Doors Open 1.30pm

Panel Discussion 2-3.30pm facilitated by ARCC and resident Elsie Sutherland

Death Café information session- led by St Christopher's Hospice – 3.30-4.30pm also Age UK survey

Location: BME Forum, 56a Mitcham Road

This panel comprises both residents and organisation spokespeople and will shed light on work being done in the borough, including the BME Forum's work on social isolation of older people, how we can replicate the ARCC's successful coffee mornings and asset based community development approaches through the "Day Opportunity Project" being run by CVA.

16th October Hate Crime and Disability

Times: 4pm-6pm

Panel Discussion facilitated by Mencap's Director Alan Avis

Location: MENCAP, Leslie Park Project, 60-61 Leslie Park Road, CR0 6TP

With a number of organisations representing a wide range of disabilities, this panel will be chaired by Mencap's Alan Avis and will look at how the wider community and organisations can act to reduce hate crime towards the disabled.

17th October Hate Crime towards Faiths and Religions

Times:

Discussion Panel 4pm-6pm

Mosque Open Day – All day and activity at Dialogue Society Croydon offices Times TBA

Locations:

Discussion Panel: Dialogue Society- 52 Tamworth Road, Croydon CR0 1XW facilitated by the Dialogue Society

Open Day: Baitus Subhan Mosque – Croydon Ahmadiyya Mosque Address: 59 St James's Road, Croydon CR0 2US

We are proud to partner with Baitus Subhan Mosque who will be marking the occasion with an open day for all to visit the Mosque and get to know more about the local Ahmadiyya faith community. The Dialogue Society will be chairing the panel which will look at issues such as Islamophobia and hate crime towards all religions.

18th October Hate Crime against LGBTQ+ Communities

Doors open : 4pm with opportunity to view art exhibition

Discussion Panel Times: 4.30-6pm facilitated by the Bridge Project

Location: First Floor Space, Whitgift Centre

This panel will showcase ways in which young LGBTQ+ in the borough are using creative arts to create a narrative that shows that supporting the LGBTQ+ community and opposing homophobia and transphobia is everybody's business.

19th October Hate Crime: Race and Nationality

Doors open 5.30pm

Discussion Panel Times: 6pm – 8pm facilitated by the Croydon BME forum

Location: BME Forum, 56a Mitcham Road

With panel members of the BME Forum, Refugee Council, and Lingua House amongst others, we will take a look community response to racist and xenophobic incidents in the borough as well as the experiences of young asylum seekers and refugees in the borough.

20th October Youth Led Responses to Hate Crime

Times and Locations:

10-12pm New Addington Safe Haven Project Launch – New Addington central parade

2pm-3pm Music Relief and Syrus Consultancy Song Performance- First Floor Space

3pm-4pm Discussion Panel – facilitated by Music Relief and Syrus Consultancy

Location : First Floor Space, Whitgift Centre

For the final day of Hate Crime Awareness Week 2018 young people from across the borough will be showcasing the community organising they have spearheaded in response to hate crime. The day will start with the launch of Safe Haven, a safe spaces project developed by young people of New Addington who will be leading a walkabout of the area to demonstrate how the scheme will work. The afternoon will see a performance by young people addressing the topic of hate crime and workshops exploring the theme took place over the summer. The day will be topped off with a final discussion panel of local youth leaders and a rounding up of the week's events.