



## **Disability Hate Crime Project Briefing**

### **Background and project outcomes:**

This project has been established by Community Links Bromley in partnership with Metropolitan Police, to tackle the issues of disability hate crime within the borough. It is estimated that disability hate crimes affect approximately two thirds of disabled people. The aims of the project are:

- Work with the Metropolitan Police to up-skill member of the force in recognising and responding appropriately to disability hate crimes
- Raising awareness across the public sector and voluntary and community sector on what a disability hate crime is and the role that people can play both at the preventative stage, as well as responding in sensitive and appropriate ways when hate crimes do occur
- Educating disabled people as to their rights when disability hate crimes occur
- Working with schools to raise awareness of disability hate crime

### **Project group:**

The project is working with organisations in Bromley whose support disabled people and this includes;

- Bromley Mencap
- Burgess Autistic trust
- Carers Bromley
- Disability Voice Bromley
- Experts by Experience
- Magpie Dance
- Advocacy for All
- Kent Association for the Blind
- Bromley Chain

### **Project activities:**

A number of open meetings have been held for organisations working with disabled people to attend. The early meetings focused on sharing experiences of victims of disability hate crime and defining appropriate project interventions.

From these meetings five key areas of activity were outlined and a number of sub groups were established to take forward the work areas.

1. **Campaign Literature** – a leaflet has been produced detailing information about disability hate crime on a national and local level, the work the project will encompass (including those listed below) and what individuals can do to help prevent such crimes. This will be disseminated in public places around the borough including schools
2. **Interactive Performance Piece** – developed by Magpie Dance and Advocacy for All, this piece will address the issues in an interactive way, inviting engagement and participation from audience members and will be performed by individuals with disabilities. This performance piece will be used in the conference and the police training, and will be recorded so it can be used in a variety of settings in the future
3. **Conference** – to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the Churchill Theatre, with a variety of workshops facilitated by CLB and members of the project group
4. **Police Training** – interactive intense training sessions for the safer neighbourhood teams, safer transport teams and school liaison officers will be delivered to highlight the issues of disability hate crimes within the borough, and how the police should go about dealing with it
5. **Individual Organisation Interventions** – CLB will support organisations to do small pieces of work with the disabled people who they work with to better understand what a hate crime and what they should do if they feel they have been a victim

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