



Community Action Sutton

Building Stronger Communities

Hate Crime Awareness Week October 2020

Voluntary and Community Sector and public sector organisations in Sutton came together to hold a series of events and activities to raise awareness and provide information and support during National Hate Crime Awareness Week.

This report highlights some of the events and activities that took place.

Introduction

Hate Crime Awareness Week 2020 ran from 10th October to 17th October 2020 National Hate Crime Awareness Week is a week of action aiming to bring people together, to stand with those affected by hate crime and to support those who need our ongoing support.

Historically in Sutton, organisations work together to hold events and activities to raise awareness, give people a safe place to come and talk and provide information and support.

This year all events were held online due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

NATIONAL HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

12th October - 16th October

Join in as we stand together against hate in Sutton. There will be two online events one "Behind closed doors" focusing on disability hate crime and cuckooing and another one "COVID-19 and #BLM" focusing on the joint impact COVID 19 and BLM has had on the community. Youth detachment workers from the Time out Youth Project (On the Streets) will be based in local parks and Sutton high street throughout the week providing information and support for younger members of the community. New signage aimed at Younger People will be displayed at key locations across the Borough. The Safer Neighbourhood Police leads will be circulating Hate Crime awareness leaflets and don't forget to look out for the social media posts that will raise awareness and provide information and support.

Monday 12th

Online event
"Behind closed doors"

2pm to 4pm

Book a place

<http://bit.ly/HCAW121020>

On The Street St
Helier Ramps
Session
6pm to 7:30pm

Tuesday 13th

All day
Information stall at
Sutton Station

Sutton Life Centre
Youth Club
3:15pm to 5:15pm

On The Street at
Collingwood Park
6pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 14th

Safer Sutton
Sutton High Street
3:30pm to 5pm

Thursday 15th

On The Street at
Grove Park
6pm to 7:30pm

Friday 16th

Online event
"Covid-19 and #BLM"
2pm to 4pm

Book a place

<http://bit.ly/HCAW161020>

Safer Sutton
Sutton High Street
3:30pm to 5pm

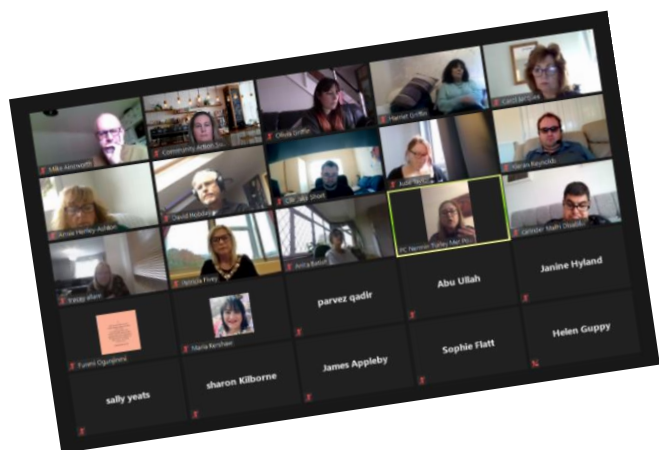
Sutton Life Centre
Youth Club
6:30pm to 8:30pm



Behind Closed Doors

Monday 12th October – 2pm to 4pm

On 12th October Community Action Sutton, in partnership with Stop Hate UK and Malookoo Dance Fitness, held an online event to raise awareness around disability hate crime and cuckooing. Over 30 participants logged on to join the event.



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM HATE CRIME AND CUCKOOING

Do you work with people?
Are they safe at home?

Join our two hour online session, where we will hear from local organisations working with people that have been affected by hate crime and cuckooing. You can also find out how people can access support.

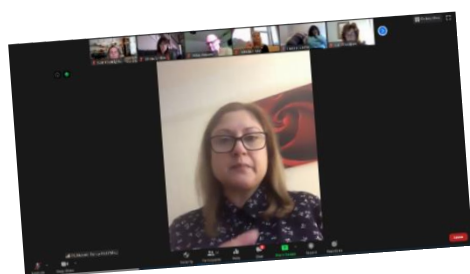
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2pm to 4pm
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We were pleased to have the Mayor of the London Borough of Sutton Councillor Trish Fivey open the event.

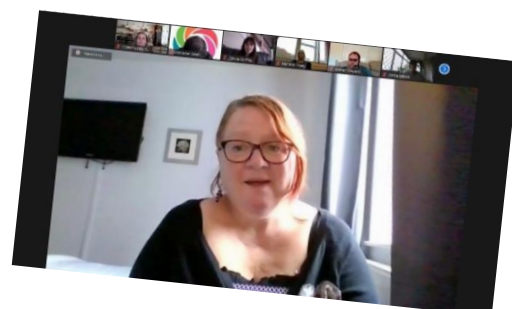


Mike Ainsworth, Director of London Services from Stop Hate UK spoke to everyone about disability hate crime. Mike gave an overview of hate crimes in Sutton including the numbers that have been reported. Mike also spoke about the effects hate crimes and incidences have on the victims.



Nermin Turley, Faith Liaison Officer, Partnership & Prevention Team spoke about Cuckooing and explained what this is.

We heard from some people that had real life stories to share.



My Hate Crime reality story - Anthony

I was coming home from the cinema in Croydon, got on the tram setting home. Got off the tram, I walked past these gang of boys through an alley, must have been about eight of them.

I just didn't take any notice of them. Suddenly they blocked me, they mugged me, took my bus pass and wallet.

The only thing they didn't take from me was my keys and inhaler. it was quite strange that they didn't take my keys I started panicking, I was really frightened, walking past them I started running cause I didn't know what to do.

When I got to the road side I asked two people, they didn't really want to help me, they just looked.

I called the police, who met me at the top of the road. it wasn't a nice experience at all... I do not take alley ways anymore and am very suspicious when I see a gang of boys standing together.



No one should be bullied for any reason
Ian



It's an hate crime if you call me Sparz.....
Philip

Some people look at you funny cause of your disability. That's hate crime
Sharon



People with learning difficulties shouldn't be treated differently to anyone else.
Lucy

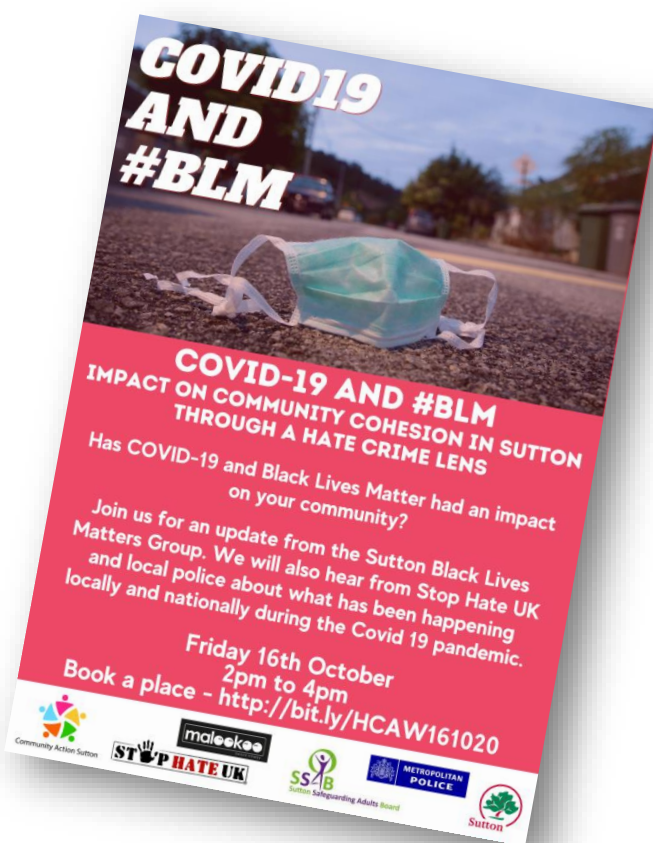
COVID 19 and #BLM

Friday 16th October 2020 – 2pm to 4pm

On Friday 16th October another online conference was held where 33 participants logged in to find out more about the impact of COVID-10 on BME Communities in Sutton.

BCU Commander Dave Stringer spoke about trends in Sutton, while Mike Ainsworth from Stop Hate UK spoke about national trends and gave an overview of the impact of COVID and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Participants heard from: Razia Sattar, Head of Partnerships, Impact and Equality from Community Action Sutton about the work of the Sutton Black Lives Matter group; Cllr Jake Short spoke briefly about Sutton councils work around hate crime; and Fiona Bateman the Independent Chair for Sutton Safeguarding Adults Board spoke safeguarding in relation to hate crime.



Black Lives Matter

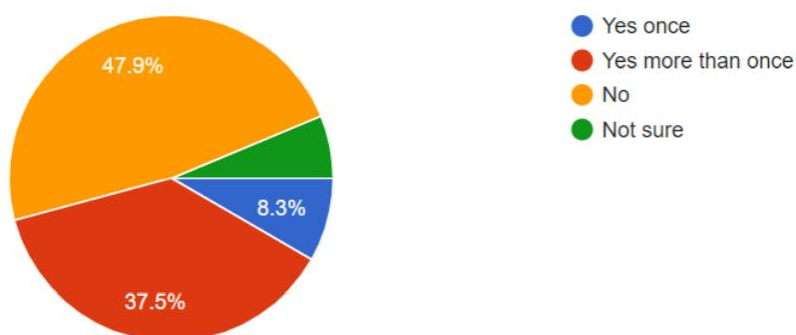
- 300% increase of Race Hate Crime recorded by a number of forces over weekend 13/14 June
- 40% rise in all forms of Hate Crime in June and July
- Increased verbal abuse of BAME Police Officers from all sides in the protest - MPS commence work to combat this.
- Rise in online racist abuse focused on refugee community
- Emerging “hierarchy of hate” – selective condemnation

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A summary of key findings from Stop Hate UK's Responding to Hate Crime Survey was given. Some of the key responses are shown below.

The majority of respondents to the survey said they were confident in recognising a hate crime.

46% of respondents said they had experienced or witnessed a hate crime when asked the following question – "Over the last 12 months, have you experienced or witnessed a hate crime online or in the real world?"



When asked "Where did it occur?" the majority of respondent said **online, in public or near home.**

When asked "what was the Motivation of the Hate Crime" over 72% said **Race** was the motivation. This was followed closely by **Disability and Sexual Orientation.**

Over 70% said that **verbal abuse/offensive language** was the nature of the hate crime and when asked if the hate crime was reported a high number said "**no**" this was closely followed by "**yes, reported to a social media administrator**".

If you have witnessed a hate crime did you intervene? what did you do? If you didn't why?

was too scared to intervene

Spoke to someone in authority in a shop

I was unsure how to report ... if it would be taken seriously as it was shouted over fences clearly directed at myself or neighbours.

It happened to me. I felt unable to defend myself given the circumstances. Nobody came to my aid either.

Yes, I intervened as a [person in authority]

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Talking about hate crime/speech educates and raises awareness. This should be done at a community level.

The more you talk about something, the easier it is to discuss ... its effects on the victims, and the more aware you make people.

It allows conversation which in turn empowers people to talk more freely about it and to stop it in its tracks when it happens

The last questions in the survey asked if there was anything more that respondents wanted to share about hate crime in Sutton?

I would like to think that there is a low incidence of hate crime in Sutton, but I suspect that more goes on than ever I know about

Support is non-existent. It's all well and good saying the right things and doing surveys but there must be a result/solution from these.

Information stands and signage around schools.

As with previous years, there were stands displaying information for people at different locations throughout Sutton.

This image shows an information stand at Sutton Station. Items handed out at this stand include:

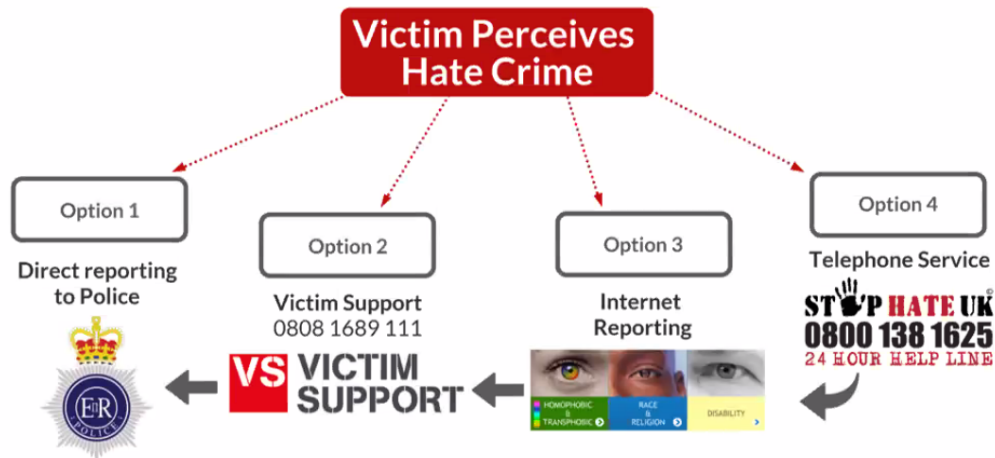
- Pens: 50
- Business cards: 35
- Language poster: 5
- Spread love not hate leaflet: 15
- Coasters: 10
- "Queer" cards: 5
- Easy read booklet: 15
- "Alone" leaflet: 20
- Learning disability card: 5
- Balloons: 25



Images of the new signage has also been installed across the borough.



Ways to report



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