

LET'S END ~~HATE CRIME.~~

Hate Crime Awareness Week 2021

GRANTS PROGRAMME

Hate crime has no place in Manchester. Everyone in our city has the right to feel safe, and we all have a responsibility to stand against hatred and discrimination.



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Background

Hate crime is significantly under-reported. Even in difficult times, local groups and organisations need to continue raising awareness, challenging hate crime in our communities and helping instil confidence in victims by highlighting how and where hate crime incidents can be reported.

Through Macc on behalf of Manchester City Council, Manchester Community Safety Partnership makes funding available annually to support projects across the city that promote awareness of hate crime and how to report it during Hate Crime Awareness Week each February.

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 Manchester 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.

We will support eligible activities that are a one-off or that may take place over several days during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2021, which is between Monday 1st and Sunday 7th February.

Funding available

Voluntary, community, social enterprise and public sector organisations must apply for a grant of exactly £1,000 only, we cannot accept bids for more or less than this amount. The funding pot totals £10,000, meaning ten grants are available in all.

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.

Please note: Do not apply now for events taking place at any time other than during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2021 (1st - 7th Feb 2021). Groups and organisations that make applications now are also welcome to submit an application to future programmes.

The deadline for applications is midday on Thursday 12 November 2020.

If you have general questions about this funding, please contact Oliver at Macc via oliver@macc.org.uk.

Current Context: COVID-19 and aims of the Hate Crime Awareness Grants Programme

Hate crimes are still taking place. Due to the safety-lockdown there has been a noticeable reduction in incidents happening in the 'usual' public places such as on trams and buses and in the city centre. However, Coronavirus-related incidents targeting some ethnic groups have increased in our neighbourhoods, parks, shops and supermarkets. Neighbour disputes, some with a race element, are more frequent with people reporting each other for breaking 'lockdown rules'.

There is a pressing need to raise awareness of hate crime and how to report it and also to safely promote positive messages in our neighbourhoods and celebrate community spirit.

Within the context of celebrating the diversity of communities in Manchester, the main aims of these grants are to:

- raise awareness of what hate crime is
- increase the reporting of hate crime incidents

What is hate crime?

A hate crime is an act of violence or hostility based on who you are or what someone thinks you are. Hate crime can take many forms, including (but not restricted to):

- Physical attacks, such as physical assault, damage to property, offensive graffiti and arson
- Threat of attack, including offensive letters, abusive or obscene telephone calls, groups hanging around to intimidate and unfounded malicious complaints
- Verbal abuse, insults or harassment, such as taunting, offensive leaflets and posters, abusive gestures, dumping of rubbish outside homes or through letterboxes, and bullying at school or in the workplace

Authorities in Manchester currently recognise and monitor six main areas of hate crime:

- Disability¹
- Race
- Religion or belief²
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender³
- Alternative subculture / lifestyle⁴

However, if your event aims to highlight other areas of discrimination, please do not let this stop you from applying. We would still like to hear from you and know more about your event as it might be something we could fund.

Third party reporting centres

There are several different ways to report hate crime in Manchester, you can report directly to the Police over the phone by dialling 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency or via online chat system at www.gmp.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime.

However, there are other places to report if you do not feel comfortable speaking directly to the Police. These are third party reporting centres and Manchester has around 50 of them. Please go to www.bit.ly/31mZYXW for a list of the third party reporting centres in Manchester.

For more information about hate crime, please visit the Making Manchester Safer website: http://www.makingmanchestersafer.com/info/4/hate_crime.

¹ Physical and / or mental disabilities

² Including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism

³ Transgender is an umbrella and inclusive term describing people whose gender identity differs in some way from the one assigned at birth. This includes non-binary people, cross-dressers and those who partially or incompletely identify with the sex they were assigned at birth

⁴ Particularly the way a person looks or dresses. In Manchester, social groups described as alternative subcultures often include punk rockers, ravers, metal-heads, goths, emo, indie, etc.

Who can apply for a Hate Crime Awareness Grant?

Funding is available to groups and organisations that meet all of the following criteria:

- Is a voluntary, community, social enterprise or public sector organisation based in the city of Manchester
- Works within Manchester for the benefit of people living in the city and able to support the programme's aims, i.e. to raise awareness of what hate crime is and increase the reporting of hate crime incidents
- Has a bank account in the name of the applicant organisation with at least two signatories
- Agrees to complete and return the Grant Monitoring Form by Monday 22 February 2021
- Has an up-to-date safeguarding policy (if the activity involves children or vulnerable adults; you may be asked to provide your safeguarding policy on request)

What we cannot fund

We cannot fund any activity that does not meet the aims of the grants programme, is not based in the city of Manchester or is not for the sole benefit of communities in Manchester.

We are unable to fund projects that are not able to be delivered in the period 1-7 February 2021.

We are unable to fund projects that do not plan to use the full £1,000 grant available.

We cannot award funding to any political organisations and the grants cannot pay for speakers from within your organisation.

What we can fund

Prior to 2020, Hate Crime Awareness Grant-funded projects often included public events involving large numbers of people meeting face-to-face, which would be inappropriate in the context of COVID-19.

The Summer-Autumn programme's projects, which were entirely delivered after lockdown measures had been introduced, and some relevant projects from pre-coronavirus funding programmes include:

- The creation and delivery of fun activity packs with a celebrating diversity theme for people with learning disabilities to use at home and an online party via video-conferencing
- A podcast series and related online activities about hate crime awareness and how to report hate crime
- Several local community radio stations have delivered radio shows aimed variously at women, young people, LGBT+ people and people of BAME backgrounds, discussing different types of hate crime
- A young people's social media campaign that created a YouTube video to challenge hate
- The creation and launch of a trans and non-binary hate crime resource

- The creation of guides and videos about hate crime awareness for wide circulation online
- Schools challenging hate crime by celebrating differences in the school community
- University-based hate crime awareness champions aiming to raise awareness amongst the student population
- Online meetings/seminars, widely promoted and aimed at discussing common aspects of hate crime for different communities of identity

We are always keen for applicants to think up new ways of raising awareness of hate crime and how to report it, particularly in the context of social distancing and other safety measures. Without wishing to stifle new ideas by being overly strict about what can be funded, you may want to consider things such as:

- Creating online resources or apps
- Using podcasts or video-conferencing
- Producing online workshops, adverts for a local radio station or social media campaigns for communities impacted by hate
- Producing information cards, posters, leaflets for communities about how to get help if they are experiencing problems
- Celebrating good news in an area, creating a network of supportive people or starting a programme of targeted online hate crime awareness advocacy

The grant application form

You can find the grant application form on the grants programme webpage. The form requires you to break down the main elements of your project, e.g.:

- What the activity will involve and how it will help raise awareness of what hate crime is and increase the reporting of hate crime incidents
- How many employees / volunteers will organise and deliver the activity and what are their roles
- When during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2021 the activity will take place
- Whom it is for, how many people are likely to participate or be recipients and what the impacts to them will be
- How it will adhere to COVID-19 safety restrictions

How and when to apply

- The deadline for grant applications is midday on Thursday 12 November 2020
- They should be emailed to grants@macc.org.uk
- Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application is successful by 30 November
- If successful, grants will be paid in one tranche of money, subject to completion of standard due diligence checks (see “Due diligence” section below)

Please note: when you submit your application by email, you should receive a reply from Macc within one working day acknowledging receipt of your bid. If you do not receive this email, then we have not received your application and we cannot pass it to the grants selection panel for assessment. If you have applied but not received a confirmation email within one working day, please contact Oliver at Macc on 0161 834 9823 as soon as possible.

Support with your application

Your group may be new to this funding or has been unsuccessful previously. Macc's capacity building team can provide support for applicants through their usual referral process. Groups are free to contact the team on the 0333 321 3021 support line or via info@mcrcommunitycentral.org to request support and the team will manage requests subject to their capacity.

Macc's capacity building team provides this support separately to the administration of this mini-grants programme and to the decisions made by the grants selection panel.

How will decisions be made

An independent panel of local authority and voluntary, community and social enterprise sector representatives will decide which projects are to receive grants. The panel will assess all applications that meet the conditions of funding. Decisions made by the funding panel will be final.

Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application has been successful by Monday 30 November 2020. Successful applicants will be sent a grant offer letter and acceptance form including the grant's terms and conditions. You need to send the completed acceptance form and requested due diligence documents by email to Macc for checking before we can pay your grant.

Due diligence checks of successful applicants

Macc will ask successful applicants to provide promptly copies of:

1. your governing document
2. your most recent bank statement, dated October or November 2020
3. the names and home addresses of two trustees or committee members

We need to review this information as part of our due diligence checks on all successful applicants in order to confirm that they are currently active in Manchester and financially solvent. (If you have recently had other funding through Macc, due diligence checks may not be required.)

This can slightly delay grant payments or the funders can decide not to award payment if they feel that you have not met the due diligence requirements.

Monitoring

As a condition of funding, grant holders will be required to complete a short grant monitoring form by Monday 22 February 2021. We will use any photos, attendee feedback, videos, newspaper clippings we receive to promote next year's grants and illustrate the awareness-raising work done in the city.