



Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023

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.



Guidance

Background

Hate crime is significantly under-reported. COVID-19 and now the cost of living crisis are having huge impacts in every community in Manchester and across all areas of our lives. 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 and on behalf of Manchester City Council's Community Safety Partnership funding is available annually during Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week each February to support projects across the city.

While we want most activities and events to take place during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023, which is between Monday 6th and Sunday 12th February, we will consider activities and events that may take place over several days in February before during or after the main week.

Funding available

Organisations must apply for a grant of exactly £500 only, we cannot accept bids for more or less than this amount. The funding pot totals £10,500 so 21 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 around Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023. All activities must be completed by **28th February** at the latest. Groups and organisations that make applications now are also welcome to submit an application to future programmes.*

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Wednesday 9 November 2021.

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

As ever 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 communities.

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 online or in person.

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

- Disability¹
- Race
- Religion or belief²
- Sexual orientation

¹ Physical and / or mental disabilities

² Including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism

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- 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 <https://www.gmp.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/hco/hate-crime/how-to-report-hate-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 forty-five of them. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/479apzn2> 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

Or at www.LetsEndHateCrime.com

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 (a recent bank statement may be requested as part of due diligence checks on successful applicants)
- agrees to complete and return the Grant Monitoring Form by Friday 17 March 2023
- will have public liability insurance in place (a valid PL insurance certificate will be requested as part of due diligence checks on successful applicants)

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.

- has an up-to-date safeguarding policy (if the activity involves children or vulnerable adults; you may be asked to provide your safeguarding policy as part of due diligence checks)

What we cannot fund

We cannot fund any activity that:

- does not specifically raise awareness of hate crime and how to report it (please do not apply if you are trying to fund an existing project proposal that wasn't originally hate crime awareness-based)
- is not based in the city of Manchester
- is not for the sole benefit of communities in Manchester
- will not be delivered in the period around Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023 (the earliest start date is 1 February and all projects must be completed no later than 28 February)
- do not plan to use the full £500 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

Examples of projects that have been supported in recent funding rounds include:

- indoor HCA events in specific geographical, cultural and ethnic communities including guest speakers, workshops and refreshments
- in-person and digital Pride celebration events incorporating HCA-raising activities
- outdoor family fun day, youth and play sessions and HCA information-sharing event in a local community's park
- sporting events involving people affected by or at risk of hate crime including awareness-raising activities
- craft workshops in aid of developing an HCA-raising campaign
- workshops co-created with and for people with learning disabilities based around the HCA and public transport
- community "ice-breaker" and cultural learning event in the wake of a traumatising series of violent hate crimes in a specific area of Manchester
- significant public events such as the Challenging Hate Forum
- HCA workshops created by and for deaf people and others that are hard of hearing
- Scouts event activities focusing on HCA particularly with LGBT+ communities

- 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
- mini-roadshow consisting of promotional stand being used in a series of “pop-up” appearances in community areas
- 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 Black Asian and other Minority Ethnic backgrounds, discussing different aspects 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 activities 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

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 around Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023 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 and when to apply

- The deadline for grant applications is midday on Wednesday 9 November 2022
- They should be emailed to grants@macc.org.uk
- Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application is successful by week commencing 28 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. 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 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 week commencing Monday 28 November 2022. 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
(unregistered organisations only)
2. your most recent bank statement, that includes transactions dated no earlier than August 2022
3. a public liability insurance certificate that will be valid on the date(s) of your activities
4. 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

Grant holders will be required to complete a short grant monitoring form by Friday 17 March 2023. We will use any photos, attendee feedback, case studies, videos/audio and newspaper clippings we receive to promote next year's grants and illustrate the awareness-raising work done in the city. Please ensure you collect appropriate permissions for any photos that you share with us.