



# NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2017



Hi and welcome to the Leicestershire Anti-bullying Team's Spring Term newsletter.

## National News...



The Anti-Bullying Alliance are launching their free All Together programme on 24th April. Schools across England will be offered the chance to become an All Together school and ABA will support them with tools and resources to support them to make whole-school change. The programme is **FREE** and you can find out more and register your interest in the programme via [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/alltogether](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/alltogether).

ABA have also updated their guidance on reducing sexual bullying as part of the All Together programme. Take a look here: [http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/media/45868/sexual-bullying-anti-bullying-guidance-for-teachers-and-other-professionals-feb17.pdf?mc\\_cid=498446c468&mc\\_eid=52789e85dd](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/media/45868/sexual-bullying-anti-bullying-guidance-for-teachers-and-other-professionals-feb17.pdf?mc_cid=498446c468&mc_eid=52789e85dd)

## New from Stonewall

Stonewall have produced a new guide called '**Setting up an LGBT youth group**', which provides individuals and groups looking to start their own LGBT youth group or services with the tools and practical support to do so. You can access the guide here: <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/setting-lgbt-youth-group>

Stonewall are also offering **free** teacher training for schools with a faith character or a majority faith student body. If your school would like to be part of the project focusing on tackling homophobia, biphobia and transphobia (HBT) in Catholic, Church of England, Jewish and Muslim schools, visit Stonewall's website: <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/faith-school-sign-up>

## Local News...

### Training

We have been very busy training school staff across the county, delivering twilight after school sessions around homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying, as well as an online safety and cyberbullying half day training session for primary schools. We have also delivered anti-bullying lead governor training for all schools. Keep an eye out for future training dates on our website: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/recentlyupdated.html>

## Free training and support for schools to address homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying (DfE funded)

The National Children's Bureau have been awarded a grant from the Department for Education to expand their work supporting schools to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying. In a new partnership between the Anti-bullying Alliance (ABA), Sex Education Forum (SEF) and Education Action Challenging Homophobia (EACH), they will deliver a unique programme of targeted support to over 350 eligible schools from March 2017.

Funding has been awarded to support schools across the South West, West Midlands, East Midlands and the East and we are very excited that Leicestershire was successful as one of the areas to bid for support. We will be working in partnership with Forest Way Teaching Alliance to deliver this programme in north west Leicestershire.

Key aims of the programme:

- To support a whole school approach to preventing and responding to HBT bullying
- To equip teaching and non-teaching staff with the knowledge, skills and confidence to tackle prejudice
- To build inclusive school environments

## Stonewall Education Equality Index 2017

Every year, Leicestershire County Council takes part in the Stonewall Education Equality Index, which measures how well local authorities support schools to celebrate difference and prevent and tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying, as well as support LGBT young people in their local community. In 2016, we were very proud to come 6th out of 50 other Local Authorities taking part. We have now submitted 2017's entry and hope to find out how we have done over the summer. Keep an eye on our website for more news!

## Beyond Bullying Award 2017-2018

We are now in the 7th year of our 'Beyond Bullying Award' and will be starting the process again in September 2017. If you would be interested in your school taking part and achieving the award, please keep an eye out for more details which will be coming soon or contact: caroline.harbison@leics.gov.uk or sue.bosley@leics.gov.uk.

## Marathon success!

A massive congratulations to Anti-Bullying Strategy Manager **Sue Bosley**, who completed the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday 24th April!

She ran her first ever marathon in under 5 hours, raising money in the process for the mental health charity Mind.

Here she is with her well deserved medal!



Don't forget we have our own Leicestershire anti-bullying Twitter account [@BeyondLCC](https://twitter.com/BeyondLCC)

We try and follow as many Leicestershire schools as possible and encourage you to follow us back for up to date information, advice and training dates. We will also do our best to re-tweet good anti-bullying news stories so make sure you tag us!