

# Anti-Bullying Week

## 17th—21st November 2008

### 'Being Different, Belonging Together'



#### 'Diversity and Difference'

##### Did you know....

In Leicestershire in addition to English there are more than 50 different community language spoken.

*15.5% of the population have a long term illness which represents a broad range of disability.*

In Leicestershire there are 11,500 pupils of minority ethnic heritage

*A diverse range of religious beliefs are held by local people which include Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Pagan and Sikh faiths*

2.8% of the Leicestershire school population have Statements of Special Educational Needs. That equates to 2781 of our children & Young People

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This year's theme for anti-bullying week is:

#### 'Being Different, Belonging Together'

Many children and young people experience bullying because they are 'different' or because they are *perceived* to be different.

Communities have become more diverse and multi-cultural, home to people from different backgrounds, race, faith, gender and sexuality. More and more we are learning, working, socializing and mixing with a broader group of people and we must be open to the different perspectives, opinions and needs that this brings.

It is important from a learning and role modeling point of view that adults who come into contact with children and young people in any setting are seen to value difference.

Anti-bullying week this year is a time to celebrate difference and diversity.

#### What's on?

##### Training and workshops for schools staff:

##### Monday 17th:

Anti-Bullying Policy & Practice

##### Wednesday 19th:

Developing you schools anti-bullying working party

##### Student Conference

Tuesday 18th @ County Hall with a focus on cyber bullying and staying safe on line. (Run & organised by the Make A Difference Group, sub group of the County Youth Council)

For more information visit our website  
[www.beyondbullying.com](http://www.beyondbullying.com)

*For bookings please contact the anti-bullying team*

## Suggestions & Resources for schools

Download our assemblies for anti-bullying week by visiting our website: [www.beyondbullying.com](http://www.beyondbullying.com)

Why don't you set up your school's anti-bullying working party (contact the anti-bullying team to attend our free workshops)

Get your link EP (Educational Psychologist) to support anti-bullying activities in your school during the week.

Have an anti-bullying festival that celebrates difference and diversity. Consider having cultural taster days which look at and experience different types of dress, food, music, art, drama, history....

How about some disability awareness sessions?

*Contact the Specialist Teaching Service (01530 513 600) for free staff training in Anti-Bullying week re 'Autism Awareness'*

Run a competition: design a poster, write a poem, create a school

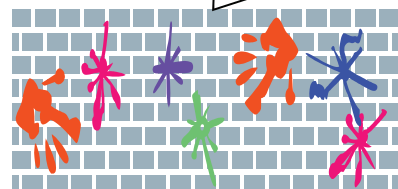
'STANCE against Homophobic Bullying'. Resource Packs are now available to Leicestershire schools @ a discounted price of £150 each. Look out for training in December

FREE! Check out this link to book a Moving Objects Display [http://website/index/community/museums/open\\_museum/moving\\_objects/moving\\_objects\\_collections.htm](http://website/index/community/museums/open_museum/moving_objects/moving_objects_collections.htm)

For more ideas visit the anti-bullying alliance website: [www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk)

Raising awareness activities will pave the way for talking about prejudice.  
Facilitate discussions about bullying and the way people are picked on for 'being different'

Build your school—make everyone a brick...  
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## Museum Services 'Say No to Bullying'

### 'A Tudor Witch Hunt'

Why not contact colleagues in Museum Services for an assembly with a difference! Explore the issues surrounding bullying but with a Tudor backdrop. Costumed characters present a 30 minute assembly which highlights the issues surrounding the folly of judging people by appearances.

Assemblies can be presented to individual classes, year groups or whole school groups—with classroom follow up work. Suitable for Primary schools.

This activity links with SEAL 'Say no to Bullying'.

### The Holocaust

Explore the issues surrounding discrimination with this thought-provoking assembly. It raises a number of provocative issues which can then be followed up and discussed in the classroom (follow-up classroom activities can also be provided). Suitable for Key Stages 3 & 4

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