



NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2014



Hi and welcome to the Leicestershire Anti-Bullying Team's Summer Term newsletter.

National News...

Department for Education re-issues its Preventing and Tackling Bullying in Schools guidance to reflect the imbalance of power

The Department for Education this week re-issued its bullying guidance with a statement about why the imbalance of power is important to think about when identifying bullying:

[Preventing and tackling bullying March14.pdf](#)

Luke Roberts, Acting National Coordinator at ABA said: "We welcome that the imbalance of power has been added to the Department for Education's bullying guidance for schools. It's a vital part of the definition of bullying and ABA has campaigned for its recognition for a long time. We hope that this highlights the difference between relational conflict and bullying in schools and makes it easier for schools identify bullying incidents".

Anti-bullying Week 2014 theme announced...

ABA's 10th anniversary campaign will focus on the issues of bullying relating to special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND). Keep checking our website for further information and resources: www.beyondbullying.com

Local News...

'Calling Out' - a story telling project partnership between Gripping Yarns and Leicestershire Anti-Bullying Team.

Exploring issues around different families and homophobic language, 'Calling Out' tells the story of a young boy and his personal experiences of being 'different' at school. The cost per performance to schools in Leicestershire will be £100, plus £25 per day expenses. The performance will last between 45 minutes and one hour, followed by post performance discussion with the group. Some of the feedback we've received so far from Leicestershire schools has been very encouraging:

"I just wanted to say thanks again for the performance today, our class had a really productive discussion afterwards",

"We thoroughly enjoyed the session which was very well presented by Simon and sensitively handled throughout".

For more information on 'Calling Out', please contact caroline.harbison@leics.gov.uk .

To book a performance, please contact Simon Firth: simon@grippingyarns.co.uk.

'Reflect Respekt Restore' European funded initiative on Restorative Approaches in schools

Leicestershire County Council & Leicester City Council have been working in partnership over the past 2 years with Leicestershire Constabulary and other partners to develop restorative approaches in schools as part of their anti-bullying strategies.

The project called 'Reflect Respekt Restore' has European funding and includes Babington Community College, Charnwood College, Leicestershire Youth Offending Service and European partners in Svendborg, Denmark.

Restorative approaches are a method of dealing with conflict through conversation and can be used when dealing with incidents of bullying and other inappropriate behaviour.

The project is developing a website to provide and share information along with a DVD resource for information and training.

We completed our final visit to Denmark in April 2014 where we spent time in schools work shadowing Danish colleagues and experiencing some of the cultural differences in our education systems. We had a fantastic week and are now busy planning for June when the Danish partners will be joining us for the final visit of the project.



Training

The Role of the Anti-Bullying lead Governor

Weds 25th June 2014 (5.45pm-9pm) County Hall, Glenfield

Weds 10th Sept 2014 (9.30am-12.30pm) SDSA, Bishop St Leicester

The governing body has an active role in supporting the school both in the prevention of and response to bullying.

This half day session aims to explore current legislation, government guidance and Ofsted criteria, understand the role of the Anti-Bullying Lead Governor and to examine effective anti-bullying practice.

<http://www.beyondbullying.com/trainingcoursesandconferences.html>

SEN and Disabilities: Developing Effective Anti-bullying Practice

From 2013 – 2015 the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) will be working in partnership with Achievement for All 3As, Contact a Family, Mencap and the Council for Disabled Children on an exciting and innovative new programme of work, funded by the Department for Education, to reduce the incidence and impact of bullying on children with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities in schools. We are organising this **FREE TRAINING** for the wider children's workforce on 20th November 2014. Look out for further information and booking details:

<http://www.beyondbullying.com/recentlyupdated.html>