

Hate Crime

Strategic Support to the
Voluntary, Community and
Social Enterprise Sector in
Stockton

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Catalyst



What is Catalyst and what do we do?

- We are an independent Charity based on Yarm Road
- Our role is to support the voluntary, community sector and Social Enterprise Sector in the Stockton Borough
- Close working relationship with Stockton Borough Council and other Public Sector Partners
- We support organisations not individuals

What is the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Sector

- Around 800 organisations in Stockton Borough
- Catalyst has 'clean' up to date information on around 500
- A mixture of large national organisations, large local organisations, small local charities, residents groups, community centre committees, sports groups, faith groups, friendship groups, special interest groups
- Most have no staff and turnover less than £20,000

How do Catalyst support organisations?

- Support with governance (paperwork)
- Support with sustainability (funding)
- Forums and Networking
- Centre of Excellence - Learning & Skills
- Providing a link to strategic discussions
- Health related projects
- Stockton Volunteers
- Most importantly – eBulletin!!

Catalyst Community Programme

- Voice Forum
- Senior Leaders Forum
- Multicultural Forum
- LGBT Matters – Stockton Voices
- VCSE Safeguarding Forum
- Over 50's Forum
- Environmental Forum
- VCSE Health & Wellbeing Forum
- Community Groups Forum
- VCSE Disability Forum
- Catalyst Achievement Awards
- Catalyst Conference

A typical 'journey' of an organisation through our support

- Initial query around some funding they are interested in
- This throws up some governance issues (constitution/safeguarding policy etc.)
- Work on that with committee/Trustees
- Support on funding application (including attending training)
- Once funding is secured then their new project can be promoted in our eBulletin
- Recruit additional volunteers via Stockton Volunteers
- Attend our Forums to build partnerships and promote project
- This throws up new ideas for more projects

Hate Crime Practical Support

- Catalyst role – acts as a strategic focus on Hate Crime and other issues whilst acknowledging specialism lie in other agencies
- Hate crime is feature of some Forums – i.e. Multicultural, LGBT, Disability...they do, however, spend more time on other issues
- Sometimes comes up during 1:1 ‘relationship’ meetings with organisations – we always strongly encourage reporting
- Training/awareness raising messages often shared via eBulletin/social media
- Large scale events such as Catalyst Conference for Awareness Raising
- Direct and strong relationships with both Cleveland Police and SBC Community Safety
- Disseminate Cleveland Safer Communities Network information via Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency

Hate Crime – Strategic Support

Represent the VCSE Sector in Stockton on the following bodies:

- Safer Stockton Partnership
- Stockton Multi-Agency Hate Crime Group
- Stockton Migration Partnership
- Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board
- Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Board

Future Work

- Training Workshops are a part of our VCSE Centre of Excellence Programme
- Plan to become a Hate Crime Reporting Centre
- Catalyst Conference – 2nd November 2018 – Awareness Raising and workshop
- Open to suggestions