# **OUR SERVICES**

### **CASEWORK**

We offer free confidential emotional and practical support to victims of hate crime. For more information, see 'How can SARI help?' on the inside of this leaflet.

## **TRAINING**

We provide a range of different training experiences, from our ever-popular 'Cultural Awareness Tour' (which sees attendees visit places of worship, and take part in Q&A sessions with cultural and religious leaders), to more conventional training, including presentations, workshops and panel discussions.

# **EDUCATION**

We deliver engaging and informative presentations to assemblies and classrooms. These sessions can be tailored to focus on a specific theme or issue if necessary.

## WHAT IS SARI?

Stand Against Racism & Inequality (SARI) is a Bristol-based charity that supports victims of hate crime across Avon and Somerset.

We have been working since 1991 to provide victims with emotional and practical support to help them overcome prejudice and injustice.

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HAVE YOU BEEN A VICTIM OF RACISM OR HATE CRIME?

YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

If you have been a victim of hate crime, or witnessed an incident, report it, and get help now.



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#### WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

If someone is violent or hostile towards you, just because of who you are, who they think you are, or what you believe in, it's a hate crime. And that's against the law.

Hate crimes can be because of your:

- Ethnicity or race
- Disability (including mental health)
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity
- Religion or belief
- Age
- Gender

## **HOW WILL I KNOW IF IT'S A HATE CRIME?**

If you feel that you have been targeted for any of the reasons listed above, then it is a hate crime.

Common hate crimes include:

- Assault (of any kind, including spitting).
- Verbal abuse (including name-calling, insults and animal impersonations).
- Sexual abuse and assault.
- Threats, harassment, intimidation, humiliation or degradation.
- Vandalism or criminal damage to your property, including graffiti.
- Offensive letters, emails, texts, phone calls or social media messages.

#### **HOW CAN SARI HELP?**

- We offer a 24/7 emergency response phone service, so someone is always available to help.
- We can give you emotional support, helping you cope with the stress, fear and trauma often caused by hate crime.
- We will work with other agencies for you; we can push them to take action, give you updates and make sure that they do the right thing.
- We can support you through legal proceedings related to your case.
- If you are unhappy about something, we can help you make complaints against other agencies.
- We can make referrals to other services that you may need help from.

Our casework service is free and confidential, and is available for victims of any hate crime in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and Somerset.

#### WHY SHOULD I REPORT HATE CRIME?

By reporting hate crime:

- You stop it from getting worse.
- You stop it from happening to others.
- You help identify the offenders.
- You help make your community safer.

# WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I AM A VICTIM OF HATE CRIME?

You should always report hate crime, even if you are unsure. You can find our contact information below.

If your life is in danger, or a serious crime is taking place, call the police now on 999.

If it safe to do so, try to collect pictures, videos or physical evidence. Keep a diary of the incidents when they happen, with details, as this can be useful later on.

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