



**Hate crime legislation
in Northern Ireland**
Independent Review



Hate Crime Legislation Review - Outreach Event

The Department of Justice are encouraging members of the public to make a positive contribution to the Hate Crime Legislation Review

Hate Crime violates equality between people: you can help to stop it!

What is Hate Crime? - a criminal offence with prejudice, hostile, or hateful motivation towards a victim; or an incitement offence where certain actions are intended, or likely, to stir-up hatred or arouse fear.

You are invited to a Public Outreach Event for BME community members to share your thoughts, experiences and aspirations on how Hate Crime is currently dealt with, and how The Department of Justice could improve the way they deal with it in the future.

11am - 1pm (lunch will be provided)
on Friday 28th February 2020
at High Kirk Presbyterian Church
65-71 Thomas Street, Ballymena BT43 6AZ

For Catering purposes kindly register your place by emailing:

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Hate Crime Legislation Review

Hate Crime violates equality between members of society

Hate Crime normally falls into two main categories:

- *A criminal offence committed with a prejudice, hostile, or hateful motivation towards a victim*
 - *An incitement offence where certain actions are intended, or likely to stir-up hatred or arouse fear*
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The independent Hate Crime Legislation Review team, led by Judge Desmond Marrinan will be working until April 2020 to:

- Define an agreed definition of Hate Crime
 - Determine if the current enhanced sentencing approach in Northern Ireland is appropriate
 - Review and if necessary expand the current protected categories of Hate Crime
 - Examine and review the current legislative framework for incitement offences
 - Identify any gaps in our current legal system and recommend improvements to guarantee everyone's human rights are protected
 - Examine the potential for alternative or mutually supportive restorative approaches for dealing with hate motivated offending
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We can't do
this alone

Contact us now and help us find better ways of dealing with Hate Crime by confidentially sharing your views, your experiences and your aspirations with us.

All contributions
are dealt with
confidentially

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