

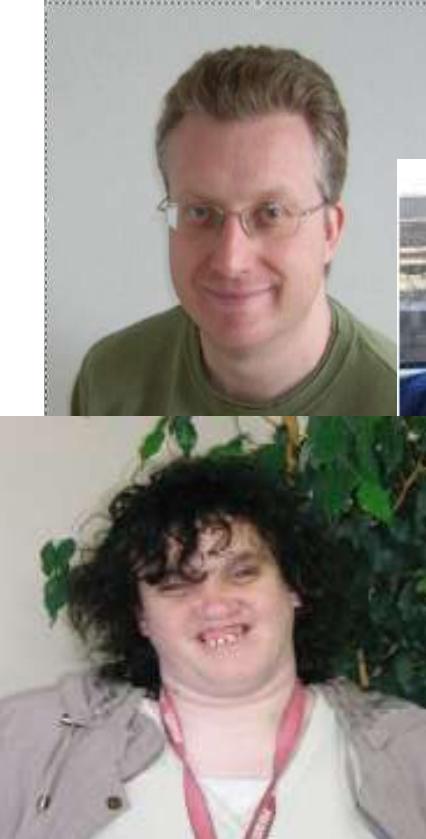
# Safety Net

*– Because sometimes friends may be fake*

*David Grundy - Safety Net Project  
Worker*



# Who are we



- We are the Safety Net team
- We are working on a project called Safety Net
- It is for people with learning difficulties
- One pilot is in Calderdale, West Yorks (the other in North Devon)

# Who are ARC?

- ARC is the Association for Real Change
- We are a member led organisation supporting providers of services
- Members come to us with issues
- We try and work on these, mental health, BME issues, medication and the Safety Net project
- [www.arcuk.org.uk](http://www.arcuk.org.uk)



# Aims for today

- Raise awareness about Disability Hate and Mate Crime
- Highlight the seriousness of the situation for some people
- Give information about work being carried on elsewhere (lots of good stuff going on)
- Share resources that will help
- Enable discussion on local issues and the way forward

# Aims for today - important

- TINSTAASQ...!
- Please, please, please don't just sit with people you already know - that's a cause of the problems!
- Discuss/debate, this is not a lecture
- Respect views and opinions of others
- Don't think at the end of the day someone else will do that - do it yourself

# This is all based on the rights of the person

- The Human Rights Act
- Is a good thing
- We all have rights
- The right to be free from fear
- To be treated with respect
- To lead the same sort of life as others
- A short clip..

# What is Hate Crime?

- Watch this 'Nice Day?' clip
- Try and see what happens



# Which of these is a Disability Hate Crime?

- Kids throwing stones at my window
- Someone borrowing my mobile and using up all the credit
- A group of people beating me up outside the local shops and stealing my shopping
- My mate coming round every time it's my benefit day so we can go to the pub and spend it

# Which of these is a Disability Hate Crime?

- Family members taking my money from me without asking
- My friend comes round every Thursday and we go out in his car for the afternoon. He only charges me 20 quid for petrol each time
- My neighbour calling me names when she sees me

# The Safety Net Project



- It is about Hate and Mate Crime - are people friends or fakes?
- Project is funded by the Department of Health
- For 3 years (less than 12 months left!)

# Safety Net

- What is a Hate Crime?
- The Home Office defines Hate Crime as being
- ‘Any incident, which constitutes a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by prejudice or hostility towards the person’



# What is Mate Crime?

- Mate crime happens when someone pretends to be a friend but they are a fake and take advantage
- Mate Crime is committed by someone known to the person.
- They might have known them for a long time or met recently. A ‘mate’ may be a ‘friend’, family member, supporter, paid staff or another person



# What is Mate Crime?

- Watch 'Shaun's Story'
- Try and see what happens



# What do we need to do?

- Support people's rights
- Take reports seriously ('the usual...')
- Don't let people hide away, not get the bus etc  
report it
- Call what happens a disability hate  
crime/incident
- Promote Learning Disability Week in June  
(20th-26th)

# What do we need to do?

- Support people's rights
- Work in schools
- Change community attitudes
- Don't Stand for It!
- Don't wrap people up in cotton wool, safe yes but part of the community
- 'Services' will not solve it

# What do we need to do?

## Brazil forward Neymar will not lodge formal complaint after racism incident

Santos striker not fazed by banana skin incident and remains focused on his football with both club and country

By Alex Fisher  
28 Mar 2011 21:35:00

Santos striker Neymar has revealed he will not be making a formal complaint after being subject to racist abuse during Brazil's friendly with Scotland.

The 19-year-old scored both goals as Brazil beat Scotland at the Emirates Stadium but the match was tainted when a banana skin was thrown onto the pitch when the striker was celebrating his penalty conversion in the second half.

"No [I won't make a complaint]. That's in the past," he told Sky Sports.

"I'll go back to Brazil, keep playing my football, I'll forget about it."

The striker, who has caught the eye of Chelsea in recent months, explained nothing would take away the delight of scoring twice for his country and securing them the victory over Craig Levein's men.



## Arsenal identify German teenager as banana thrower



### SEE ALSO

- ▶ Scotland 0-27 Mar 11 |
- ▶ Levein reflects 27 Mar 11 |
- ▶ Brazil v Scotland 27 Mar 11 |
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- ▶ Chris McLellan 25 Mar 11 |
- ▶ Injured Pat 24 Mar 11 |
- ▶ Players please 24 Mar 11 |

### RELATED INTE

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A German teenage tourist has admitted throwing a banana at Brazil star Neymar at the Emirates Stadium on Sunday, Arsenal football club have confirmed.

Neymar accused Scotland fans of racist behaviour during Brazil's 2-0 win.

The Scottish Football Association denied the claims that he was racially abused by the Tartan Army.

A club statement read: "The Metropolitan Police are satisfied there was no racist intent and no further action will be taken."

# Safety Net in Calderdale

- Sessions around the borough
- 250+ young people from Calderdale schools during anti-bullying week in Nov
- 120+ people LD, families, supporters at local theatre
- Sessions for various local groups - Hate Crime Partnership, Adult Safeguarding etc
- Articles in local media and e-mail group
- Events planned for Learning Disability Week in June (20th-26th)

# Safety Net Across the country

- Sessions in Blackpool, Accrington and Birmingham and events in London
- Workshops at Blackpool Conference
- Presentation to 100+ Local Authority Adult Safeguarding workers at Villa Park in Birmingham
- Presentation to 100+ Safeguarding leads at a national SCOPE conference

# Other resources



## Learning Disability Week

Learning Disability Week is a week of national campaigning and awareness raising run by Mencap every year.

It's a great chance to get involved and raise awareness about the issues that are important to people with a learning disability, their families and carers.

### Learning Disability Week 2011

Learning Disability Week 2011 is from Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June, when Mencap will launch a 3-year campaign against hate crime. Stand by me.



## Report Disability Hate Crime

It is wrong for anyone to have prejudice or hostility for other people.  
It is wrong for anyone to hurt you or make you feel unsafe.  
It is wrong for anyone to take or harm your things.  
It is wrong for anyone to treat you badly for who you are.  
If anyone does any of these to you, because they do not like disabled people....

...this is a Disability Hate Crime

### Disability

Someone may have a disability if they:  
Find it hard to move around - Physical disability  
Do not hear or see or find it hard to hear or see - Sensory disability  
Find it hard to learn some things - Learning difficulty or disability  
Do not feel well in their mind at times - Mental health

Tell someone, Report it.

Report online at [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. At the top, there are links for "England", "Scotland", and "Wales" with helpline numbers. Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "About us", "Human rights", "Key projects", "Advice and guidance", "Legal and policy", and "Publications". A sidebar on the left lists "Equality Act", "Public Bodies Bill", "Bill of Rights", "Enforcement", and "Inquiries and Assessments". The main content area features a section titled "Inquiry into disability-related harassment" with a sub-section for "Inquiry into disability-related harassment". It includes a summary of the inquiry and a link to social media sharing options.

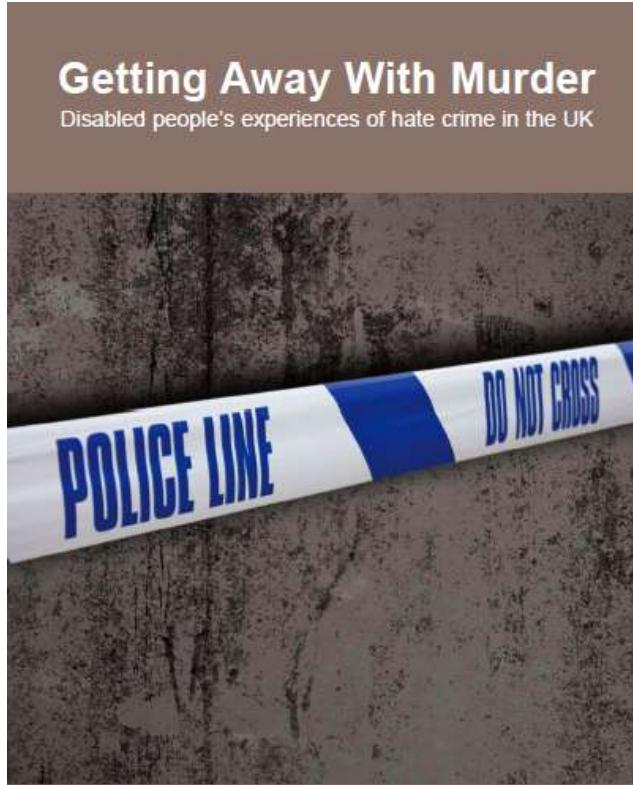
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**STOP HATE CRIME...**



# Learning Disability Hate Crime



- Victoria Pilkington
- Stephen Hoskin
- Brent Martin
- Kevin Davies
- You may have heard of some of these people
- More since this report

# Kevin Davies



# Brent Martin



## David Askew



## Stephen Hoskin

# Learning Disability Hate Crime

Four jailed after 'vulnerable' woman's face branded with hot iron in 'sustained torture'



Mary Willoughby, Kelly Taylor, Karl Cook and Lisa Hill

Four people who subjected a woman with learning difficulties to a "sustained period of torture", in her face with a hot iron, have been jailed.

Lisa Hill, Karl Cook friends, for severa

Exeter Crown Cou chair, a plant pot, : Cook and Willoug

## Violent North Shields thug jailed for attacks on pal

by Sara Nichol, Evening Chronicle  
Mar 12 2011

A VULNERABLE man was killed after being repeatedly attacked by his violent bully friend.

Amdeep Singh Rai befriended then regularly beat victim Kenneth Oakes in the lead up to his death.

The 52-year-old, who suffered from learning difficulties, a severe speech impediment and bad eye sight, was found dead at Rai's flat on Stanley Street, North Shields.

During the three weeks leading-up to his death, defenceless Mr Oakes, known as Kenny, was subject to at least four brutal attacks at the hands of Rai, 21, which left him with a staggering 43 rib fractures, a broken breast bone, bruises and cuts.



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## Man 'stamped to death in savage murder'

by Garry Willey, Evening Chronicle  
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# 'Mate crime' fears for people with learning disabilities

Learning disabled people living in the community are increasingly finding themselves the victims of so-called mate crime



Rachel Williams

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday 14 September 2010 16.15 BST

Article history



The viaduct in St Austell where Steve Hoskin fell to his death. Photograph: SWNS

# Do you work with people getting criminal records?

- Sometimes people are being ‘befriended’ in order to commit criminal acts
- More often they are victims of these crimes - but now and again they find themselves offending (possibly unwittingly)
- How many of the prison population who have a learning disability are in this position?
- And if they said ‘I didn’t know/someone told me to do’ it as a defence...

# Examples

- A man with LD and his new girlfriend
- If you were really my girlfriend you'd sleep with my mate
- A man with LD and his new friends he met in the pub
  - A man with LD and a shopping trip with friends

# Of these examples

- Gathered during the work of the project
- No hard data, lost in various systems
  - Online cases appear to be increasing
- High profile cases of ‘mate crimes’ in the media
- I’m not suggesting this will be the reason in every case

# Vulnerable tenants targeted by drug gang 'cuckoos'

Gangs are befriending vulnerable people before taking over their homes for crack dealing

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**Jamie Doward**

The Observer, Sunday 3 October 2010  
[Article history](#)

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Pete is back in the hostel. He had to leave all his possessions when he was forced out of his flat. Photograph: Observer

# The Safety Net Project

- We aim to make things better in three ways
- Raise awareness for people with a learning disability and their families/supporters
- Raise awareness for ‘front line’ staff coming into contact with people with a learning disability - for example in Hate Crime Reporting Centers
- Raise awareness for the wider community, ensure they know who to respond to and how

# Safety Net - what next?

- Friend or Fake? training
- Easy Read Hate Crime/Mate Crime booklet
- Safeguarding research project
- Learning Disability Week 20th - 26th June events
- Schools work
- Safe Places scheme links

# Safety Net

- Awards for the team
- Sarah Leach Calderdale Citizen of the Year 2010
- RADAR awards



# Safety Net



# Thank you

- Sarah Leach (Friend or Fake slides follow)
- Michael Mitchell
- David Grundy
- [david.grundy@arcuk.org.uk](mailto:david.grundy@arcuk.org.uk)
- 07931 116099
- [www.arcSafety.net](http://www.arcSafety.net)

# *But . . .*



- Not all of your friends want to hurt you or take advantage of you.
- Most of your friends are good friends.
- All of them might be.

Aware not scared

Get out there and enjoy life!



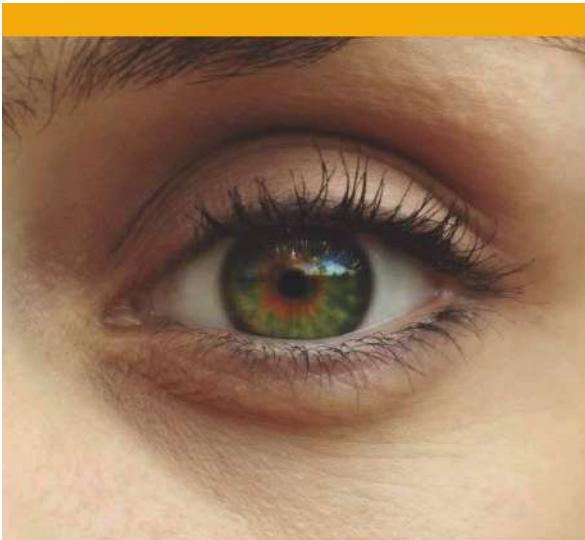
# What do you do if it happens to you?



- Tell someone - tell lots of people
  - Tell the Police
- Tell Safeguarding - Gateway to Care
- Use a 3rd Party Reporting Centre
- Call what happened to you a Hate Crime



# What do you do if it happens to you?



**TRUE  
VISION**  
Disability Hate Crime

**Reporting Book**



**Calderdale  
Council**



**0845 111 1103**



## Safety Net



# Who Can you talk to?

Care Manager



Key Worker



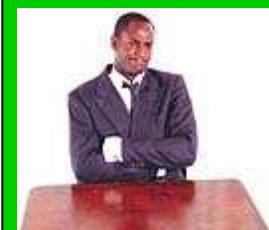
Police



Doctor



Advocate



Family



Someone you Trust

# Keeping you Safe



Here are some numbers you might need to use

Stop Hate UK 0800 138 1625 (check they operate in your area)

Voice UK 080 880 2 8686 (check when its open before ringing)

Calderdale

Hate Crime Co-ordinator 01422 392869

Gateway to Care 0845 111 1103

Calderdale Police

Emergencies 999

Hate Incident Co-ordinator 01422 337041

# Thank you

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