



17-24-30
ORGANISATION



Press Release: 7th October 2012

Special Launch event and Act of Remembrance - St Paul's Cathedral 6.30pm 13th Oct 2012
Hate Crime Awareness Week 13th – 19th Oct, London Vigil against Hate Crime 20th Oct

St Paul's Cathedral (13th October):

At 6.30pm an Act of Remembrance for all those affected by Hate Crime will take place in St Paul's Cathedral to mark the first National Hate Crime Awareness Week organised by 17-24-30.

People are expected to arrive at the Cathedral from 6pm onwards.

At 6.30pm **Cannon Mark Oakley** will welcome guests.

The Act of remembrance will include three speakers:

- **Mark Healey – 17-24-30 No to Hate Crime Campaign**
- **Beverley Smith – Hate Crime Disability Network**
- **Phyll Opoku-gyimah - UK Black Pride**

A Candle of Hope and Remembrance will be lit by **Carolyn Moore** whose brother Nik Moore was killed along with John Light and Andrea Dykes in the Admiral Duncan Bombing (30th April 1999).

30 people have been asked to step forward to light 30 smaller candles during the Act of Remembrance on behalf of those present, representing the diverse range of communities affected by hate crime coming together.

The Candle will burn in St Paul's Cathedral in front of the "The Light of the World" painting in the Middlesex Chapel for the duration of the **Hate Crime Awareness Week 13th- 19th October** leading up to the **4th International Day of Hope and Remembrance** on the 20th October when a series of **Solidarity Hate Crime Vigils** are expected to take place around the UK and abroad.

Vigils have so far been confirmed in **London, Brighton, Norwich, North Norfolk, Ipswich, Plymouth, Reading and Milton-keynes.**

Hate Crime Awareness Week (13th – 19th October):

17-24-30 No to Hate Crime Campaign has launched their first **Hate Crime Awareness Week** to raise awareness of Hate Crime and encourage people to **do something local** to tackle local Hate Crime issues.

It is hoped that the week will help promote local hate crime services and support by encouraging people to signpost local contact information, hold stalls and organise small hate crime awareness events.

Those organising events are invited to contact 17-24-30 who will help promote what is happening through their Facebook, Twitter and Wordpress accounts.

So far:

- Two Brewers / Metropolitan Police / 17-24-30 and local Organisations – Dedication of Jody's Memorial Bench 14th Oct 12.30 Clapham Common.
- Tower Hamlets Council/Tower Hamlets LGBT Liaison Officer - Hate Crime Awareness Outreach Stall – Idea Store Whitechapel 16th October. 11am to 4pm.
- British Transport Police/Mencap – Disability Hate Crime Awareness Stalls at Waterloo and Victoria Stations 17th, 18th and 19th October. 9am to 12 mid-day.

More events are expected to follow as we have had enquires from Oxford, Cambridge, and Wales.

See 17-24-30 Facebook Page – events section for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/172430nohatecrimecampaign/events>

London Vigil against Hate Crime (20th October):

Will take place on **Saturday 20th October 2012** between **7pm - 9pm** in **Trafalgar Square**, London whilst others take place around the UK and abroad.

The London Vigil is organised by **17-24-30** in partnership with the **Harvey Milk Foundation**.

17-24-30 was founded in **April 2009** to mark the **10th Anniversary of the London Nail Bomb attacks** on **Brixton, Brick Lane** and **Soho**. Its main purpose is to organise and facilitate the **April Acts of Remembrance** to mark the anniversaries of these horrific attacks on **black, Asian and gay people** in London and to remind us that we need to continue to **work together to stop hate crime happening in our communities**.

The **Harvey Milk Foundation**, is an American organisation set up to ensure that the legacy of Harvey Milk, the **first openly gay person to be elected to public office in San Francisco in 1978**. One year later he and Mayor George Moscone were assassinated. He once said "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door." In everything that he did and stood for, Harvey Milk considered himself part of the movement for gay rights, which he regarded as an integral human rights issue.

Mark Healey said: "We are very proud to be working with the **Harvey Milk Foundation**, along with other **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender organisations** across the UK and abroad because we consider ourselves to be part of that movement too. We hope that our vigils will inspire people to

think about the impact that hate crime has within our communities and to work together to ensure that it is prevented. Not just homophobic hate crime, but all forms of hate crime.”

This year we are aware that more towns and cities around the UK are taking part including **Brighton, North Norfolk, Norwich, Brighton, Ipswich, Plymouth and Milton Keynes.**

We invite everyone to join us wherever they are at **8pm** for a **2-minute silence** to **remember those we have lost**, and **those who need our on-going support.**

In particular we will remember Ian Baynham, who was homophobically abused and beaten in Trafalgar Square in 2009, whose death inspired the first Vigil against Hate Crime attended by 10,000 people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family at this difficult time of the year.

Our Speakers

The Vigil will be opened by the **Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence** who will read out a short poem “What happens in Soho”, music performed by the **Gay Symphonic Winds Orchestra** and performances by **Son Ofa Tutu** and the **L-Project.**

Confirmed Speakers include:

Lady Phyll Opoku-gyimha UK Black Pride, **Emelia Foldaway** Dyke March, **Rikki Beadle-Blair** Actor/Director, **Shaun Dellenty** Inclusion for All, **Sky Yarlett** National Union of Students LGBT Campaign, **Anthony Fenwick** LGBT History Month, **Beverley Smith** Hate Crime Disability Network, **Mark Healey** 17-24-30 No to Hate Crime Campaign, **Zan Godwin** female survivor of hate crime attack, **Bisi Ami** Kalediscope, **David Pilkington** Deaf Community, and representatives from the London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard and TransLondon.

More speakers pending confirmation.

Mark Healey founder of 17-24-30 and organiser of the Vigil said “It is honour to share the stage with these people who represent some of the finest work that is being carried out across the movement for human rights.”

“The Vigil is not just about remembering those we have lost, and those who still need our support. In this economic climate it is about supporting and sign-posting the people and organisations that are on the front line. Those that are already tackling issues of hate crime in our communities. We need to ensure that their funding continues and we support the good work they are doing.”

“The Act of Remembrance at St Pauls, our Hate Crime Awareness Week, the London Vigil along with the other Solidarity Vigils that are taking place are about people coming together do something local to tackle Hate Crime. These events are important because they remind us that we are not alone, we are part of a community and when we come together we can make a real difference to those who have been affected by hate crime.”

Volunteers

Each year 17-24-30 recruits volunteers to help them steward the London Vigil and organises volunteer training events. This year there will be three training sessions:

- 9th October – 17-24-30 Induction and Introduction to dealing with Hate Crime.
- 10th October – Back Stage Operations Training.
- 11th October – Stewarding Trafalgar Square Training.

Details are listed on our Facebook events page:

<https://www.facebook.com/172430notohatecrimecampaign/events>

Those interested volunteering should contact info@17-24-30.org with their name, e-mail and contact number. Volunteers are welcome to join in the night of the London Vigil 20th October - if interested come to Trafalgar Square for 6pm and meet by Nelson's Column.

For more details go to: <http://172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/>

Follow us on Facebook: '**17-24-30**' and on Twitter: '**HateCrimeVigil**'

NOTES FOR THE EDITOR:

Contacts: Ryan Parkins

Email: ryan@17-24-30.org

Blog: <http://172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/>

Mailbox: Facebook Group 17-24-30

Studio 151

77 Beak Street

London

W1F 9DB

17-24-30 was founded by Mark Healey in the 2009 in the lead up to the 10th Anniversary of the London Nail Bomb attacks.

Mark wanted to provide a space on-line where as many people as possible could come together to mark the anniversaries of the three London nail bomb attacks in 1999.

"17-24-30" represents the three dates that the nail bombs were left in Brixton (17th), Brick Lane (24th) and Soho (30th) targeting the black, Asian and gay communities of London.

The campaign has four objectives - to bring people together, to build relationships between communities, to support those who have been attacked and to challenge all forms of hate crime.