

HATE CRIME

The Milton Keynes Approach

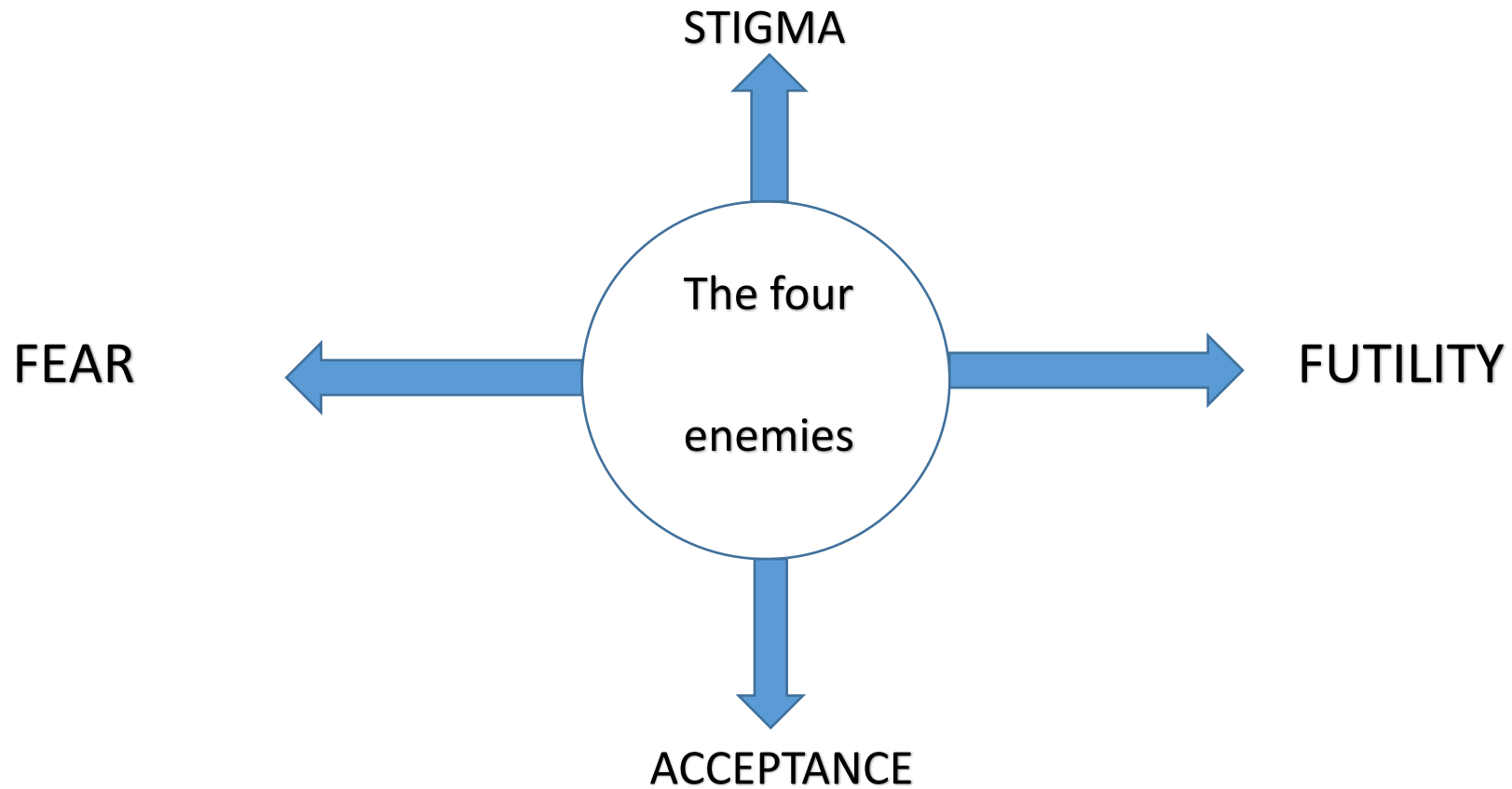
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What is a Hate Crime?

Any criminal offence which is **perceived**, by the victim or any other person, to be **motivated by a hostility or prejudice** based on:

- a person's **race** or perceived race or
- on a person's **religion** or perceived religion or
- on a person's **sexual orientation** or perceived sexual orientation or
- on a person's **disability** or perceived disability or
- against a person who is **transgender** or perceived to be transgender.

The hate crime conundrum



Facts n' Stats in Milton Keynes

2015

- 1483 incidents in Thames Valley
- 223 incidents in MK
- 23 repeat victims
- 11 repeat offenders
- 184 race incidents
- 16 disablist
- 28 LGB & T
- 8 faith based

2016

- 1896 incidents (+ 28%)
- 267 (+ 20%) or 1.12 / 1,000pop
- 10 repeat victims
- 5 repeat offenders
- 230 race (+ 25%)
- 22 disablist (+ 38%)
- 26 LGB & T (-7%)
- 9 faith based (+ 13%)



The National Solution

Action Against Hate – July 2016

1. Challenge attitudes / beliefs through education and teacher training
2. Reduce incidents – £2.4 million fund for local communities / places of worship – to improve security and reporting and reduce on – line hate crime.
3. Increase reporting and punish offenders. Encourage third party reporting and working with under-reported groups. Publicise successful prosecutions.
4. Improve victim support. Victim Personal Statements to be encouraged and increased use of community impact assessments
5. Improve data collection and analysis. Use expertise in universities and government.

The Milton Keynes Response

Routine

- All hate crime cases monitored
- Repeat victims / offenders followed up
- Training
- Regular contact with minority communities
- Liaison with IAG
- Community Impact Assessments where tension may be high

Initiatives

- KOPIT newsletter (quarterly)
- Hate Crime/ASB Panel (monthly)
- Joint visits with Network & MKC
- Developing serious case panel
- Community Champions (with Network)
- Police Champions (projected)
- Victim Care Plans (projected)
- Events with Network / Partners