ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2015 ISSUE



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

As always, the Anti-Bullying Alliance has a wealth of materials available on their website <u>www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/</u> <u>anti-bullying-week</u> – including a great video. We will also be uploading some resources to our website soon – they should be available by the time you read this newsletter. Go to <u>www.antibullyingworks.co.uk</u>.

As members of the ABA, we are able to support your work - both around Anti-Bullying Week and throughout the year. Please visit our website and <u>contact us</u> to discuss your needs.

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING TO...

'Make A Noise About Bullying?

Anti-Bullying Week in England is co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year is taking place from the 16th - 20th November. The theme is 'Make a noise about bullying', with the 'hashtag' <u>#AntiBullyingWeek</u>.

The key aims of the week are...

- To empower children and young people to make a noise about bullying – whether it is happening to them or to someone else, face to face or online;
- To help parents and carers have conversations with their children about bullying – both as a way of preventing bullying, and to help children who are worried about bullying;
- To encourage 'talking schools' where all children and young

people are given a safe space to discuss bullying and other issues that affect their lives, and are supported to report all forms of bullying;

- To equip teachers to respond effectively when children tell them they're being bullied; and
- To raise awareness of the impact of bullying on children's lives if they don't tell anyone it's happening – or if they are not given appropriate support – with a focus on the impact on mental health.



Verbatim Theatre Project Update

In the last couple of newsletters, we have reported that Anti-Bullying Works and Chichester Festival Theatre Youth Theatre are developing an exciting new project to produce and tour a verbatim theatre performance for young people on the theme of bullying. ('Verbatim' is a form of documentary theatre in which plays are constructed from the precise words spoken by people interviewed about a particular event or topic.) The project has now moved from the interviewing and transcription stage into the script development phase. Recently, the Youth Theatre spent some time working with the material, exploring different ways of presenting and telling the stories collected. This was a very insightful process and we are really excited about what has been created so far.

Previously, we had hoped that the tour with an accompanying workshop would take place in November. Due to the wealth of interview material collected, the transcription stage has taken longer than expected, and we have had to make a minor amendment to our timeline. Our current aim is to host events around



Anti-Bullying Week in November, showcasing rehearsed readings of the piece, with a tour to take place after the Spring half-term in 2016.

If you, or your colleagues, would like to attend one of the rehearsed readings, or if your organisation may be interested in hosting a (free) performance & workshop – please <u>Contact Us.</u>

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Upcoming Conference

Our colleagues at the **Bullying Intervention** Group have their 3rd Annual Conference in London on 6th November. Entitled 'Successfully Challenge



Bullying', they have some great presenters (including our very own John Khan!) and workshops include:

- 🎲 Are PSHE and RSE essential tools in modern bullying prevention?
- 📢 Racism
- 🏫 Homophobia
- 🔹 Bullying of those with SEN
- 🔩 Girls' Bullying

More details and bookings: www.bullyinginterventiongroup.co.uk

Upcoming Training

Understanding Girls' Friendship Groups, Cliques and Bullying Behaviour

We are repeating our hugely popular training exploring the world of girls' friendship groups, cliques and bullying behaviour. These workshops provide an insight and understanding into the social dynamics that exist within girls' friendship groups and cliques, whilst offering the opportunity to explore a range of practical strategies to deal positively with girls' friendship problems and bullying behaviour. The workshops are available on two dates:

8th December in Ringmer

10th December in Billingshurst

We will shortly start taking bookings for our training dates in Spring & Summer 2016:

- 쑿 Safer Internet Day/Digital Leader 19th & 21st January
- 🐔 Understanding Boy World 8th & 10th March

🔹 Smooth Primary to Secondary Transition – 3rd & 5th May

More details on all our workshops can be found at: www.antibullyingworks.co.uk/events

Information and Resources Update

Bullying and the Law

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has recently updated their briefing sheet on 'Bullying & the Law' which provides invaluable guidance for schools and other settings



about the duties and responsibilities as defined in a range of legislation. Download here: http://bit.ly/1R1cY9r

Parentinfo

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and Parent Zone have teamed up to



provide a new online service for schools to give parents tips and advice, including online safety & bullying. Parent Info provides high quality information to parents and carers about their children's wellbeing and resilience. Schools can host the content on their own website and use it in any other ways (in letters to parents etc.) that they want. This service is free and ranges across a wide range of subject matter, from difficult topics about sex, relationships and the internet or body image and peer pressure to broader parenting topics like 'how much sleep do teenagers need?'.

Find out more at: www.parentinfo.org

Free Staff E-safety INSET Presentation

Childnet has designed an INSET presentation on E-Safety which can be delivered by a designated staff member, in a school, organisation or child care setting.

The one-hour presentation is available free online and includes downloadable supporting materials from Childnet at: http://bit.lv/1JjaCv0

Anti-Bullying Works are also able to support you in relation to e-safety and cyberbullying. Contact Us to discuss your needs.

Ofsted Requirements for Safeguarding in Schools in England

NSPPC has recently produced a useful briefing document about Ofsted requirements for safeguarding in schools in England, following changes to the inspection Framework in September 2015. Download a copy here: http://bit.ly/1LBJl0q



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COMING SOON...

Services and Resources from **Anti-Bullying Works**

We will shortly be updating our website to more clearly describe the range of services that we are able to offer, as well as providing a range of downloadable resources. Keep an eye on our website at www.antibullyingworks.co.uk or sign up to our mailing list



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