



## LISTENING THE VOICES OF HATE SURVIVORS

**Venue:** MK Civic Offices

**Date:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** 18:00 – 20:00 hrs

### **Outline of the Listening<sup>1</sup> Session:**

The Fight Against Hate campaign of Citizens:MK has won the support of MK Council in hosting a new approach to reducing the effects of hate crime. Hate legislation covers five grounds: race/nationality, religion, sexuality, gender identity and disability. The Council will host a twilight session, to hear the voices of residents, and/or those working or studying in Milton Keynes, who have experienced some form of hate towards them in MK, no matter how big or small. The aim is to reduce their discomfort by simply giving them the opportunities to listen to each other's stories about what happened to them.

One or two small facilitated groups will come together to share their stories and be invited to explore feelings and possible next steps. Finally, each participants will be invited to say what, if anything they are taking away that may help to re-establish their sense of self confidence and self-esteem. The whole session will take no more than 90 minutes.

All those participating must commit to keeping whatever is said/discussed confidential to the relevant group and nobody's contribution will be shared outside the facilitating group without their permission.

Please note that this is not a counselling or professional therapy session but rather an opportunity for sharing.

### **How to express interest in partaking in the Hearing**

Anyone interested in attending the hearing should get in touch with the campaign team by email: [fightagainsthatemk@gmail.com](mailto:fightagainsthatemk@gmail.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Listening is the process of attentive hearing where a person or people is/are pro-actively receptive to what the speaker is saying and, in this process, not interrupting the speaker.

**NOTE FOR RECRUITERS:**

**Recruitment Process:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> step: Recruitment through personal networks. Ideally, you should know the person who has experienced Hate, or you should be only one stage removed (i.e. you know the person whose contact experienced hate)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step: Email the campaign team to let us know of the person's interest in participating
- 3<sup>rd</sup> step: Formal invitation to the 'survivor' to attend the listening session [together with a consent form].
- 4<sup>th</sup> step: Confirmation of participation [following receipt of the consent form].