



# Kingston Faith and Belief Forum

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<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Kingston Stands Together - 3rd May</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston Faith and Belief Forum
<b>Short summary</b>	Following another antisemitic attack in north London, a <b>Stand Together</b> has been convened on <b>Sunday 3rd May from 11.30 - 12.00</b> outside the Bentall Centre main entrance in Kingston Town Centre (Bentall Centre, main entrance, Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1TP)
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	We would greatly value your presence as we show our united community spirit.

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>April Kingston Faith and Belief Forum meeting notes</b>
<b>Author</b>	Marina Payen, RBK
<b>Short summary</b>	With many thanks to Carol Clack, United Reformed Church for hosting the Forum. Please review <a href="#">meeting notes</a>

<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<p>Please hold the 2nd July 10 - 11:30 for the next meeting. The dialogue topic will be 'How to keep spiritual life meaningful in a modern digital world'.</p> <p>Location: Kingston Quaker Centre, Fairfield East, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2PT</p>
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<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Faith Talk - Modern Slavery</b>
<b>Author</b>	All Saints Kingston
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>Join us for a talk on modern slavery with main speaker Jiska Steiler - Women's Hub Co-ordinator at Voices of Hope at All Saints Church on 20 May at 6:30pm. This is a FREE town hall style event with questions invited (and encouraged!) from audience members, as always, the talk will be recorded and available to watch on our youtube channel after the event.</p> 

<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Please book and share with communities! <a href="#">Free tickets via Ticket Source</a>
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<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Faith Security Training</b>
<b>Author</b>	Home Office
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>The Home Office recently <a href="#">launched Faith Security Training (FST)</a> – a free scheme designed to help faith communities in England and Wales strengthen their security awareness and preparedness. The event is for faith leaders, trustees, volunteers, and anyone responsible for, or interested, in, security at places of worship.</p> <p>Delivered by CDS Support (a specialist defence and security consultancy), this training provides practical guidance to keep places of worship safe and resilient.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<p>Please register for a virtual or face-to-face session with security experts. They are free of charge. <a href="#">Book</a> Digital e-Learning will be available soon via <a href="#">ProtectUK</a>. For further information, please visit the <a href="#">FST webpage</a>, or email <a href="mailto:contact@cdssupport.uk">contact@cdssupport.uk</a></p>

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Free bystander training</b>
<b>Author</b>	RBK Community Safety Team
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>The Community Safety Team offers free bystander training for resident groups and communities. These sessions help residents learn how to be active bystanders in a safe and effective way. Training can be tailored to specific scenarios and community groups. We normally set a maximum attendance of 15 participants.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<p>Please share with communities and contact Leena Bolaky, RBK Community Safety team for more information <a href="mailto:leena.bolaky@kingston.gov.uk">leena.bolaky@kingston.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Hate Crime reporting: Stop Hate</b>
<b>Author</b>	RBK Community Safety Team
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>Stop Hate Helpline tackles all forms of Hate Crime and discrimination by ensuring every person, regardless of identity, has someone to listen to, believe, and advise them. Their helplines and reporting apps enable people to access independent support and information, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.</p> <p>This is an independent and confidential service funded by the Kingston Council to be available in our borough. You can use Stop Hate website to report hate crime and receive support or call 08001381625 or text 07717989025.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Please share information widely with communities

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Future of interfaith activity in England</b>
<b>Author</b>	Faiths Forum for London
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>This consultation seeks views on the future of interfaith activity in England, following the closure of the Inter Faith Network for the UK.</p> <p>Please share perspectives and lived experiences if you have taken part in interfaith engagement, in order to identify what is working well, what support is needed, particularly at a national level, and how interfaith activity can be strengthened and expanded in the future. This is a short survey and will take between 5-8 minutes to complete. Please complete responses by 15 May 2026</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Please share your views <a href="#">here</a>

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Decolonising of Kingston</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston Race and Equalities Council
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>For 50 years, KREC has championed equality, justice and community empowerment. Our joint project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect Kingston’s local stories with global histories</li> <li>• Highlight voices missing from the borough’s heritage</li> <li>• Celebrate global majority and diverse communities</li> <li>• Co create a public exhibition with local participants</li> <li>• Build a Decolonisation Framework for Kingston’s future</li> </ul> <p>Join award-winning writer Jacqueline Crooks, author of Fire Rush, for a series of FREE creative writing workshops for residents of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.</p> <p>No previous writing experience required, just curiosity and a willingness to explore stories together. There are workshops taking place through May.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<p>Join workshops and please share with communities</p> <p><a href="#">Full information here</a> and in flyer below.</p>

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Council of Sanctuary Award</b>
<b>Author</b>	RBK Director of Public Health, Katy Scammell
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>As a valued partner, we are delighted to invite you to celebrate a landmark achievement for our borough: the official awarding of the Council of Sanctuary Award.</p> <p>The Council of Sanctuary Award recognises our collective commitment to building a welcoming borough with a culture of inclusion for people seeking sanctuary, including refugees and asylum seekers. It is a testament to the fact that Kingston is a place where those fleeing violence and persecution can find safety, support and community.</p>

	<p>We will mark this significant milestone with a celebratory event on Tuesday 17 June 2026.</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming you to an afternoon of celebration, reflection on our journey, and networking with fellow partners committed to this important cause.</p> <p>A light lunch is provided</p>
<p><b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b></p>	<p>Please kindly confirm your attendance by booking a ticket on our <a href="#">Eventbrite page</a>.</p>



<p><b>Title of article or notice</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction to safeguarding for faith and voluntary community sector</b></p>
<p><b>Author</b></p>	<p>Kingston &amp; Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership (KRSCP)</p>
<p><b>Short summary</b></p>	<p>KRSCP is hosting an "Introduction to Safeguarding for the Voluntary Sector". The event aims to enhance engagement with the voluntary and faith sector and encompass a 'Talk, Share and Learn' space.</p>

	<b>Monday 1 June (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM) - Venue:</b> Salon Room, York House, Twickenham, TW1 3AA, UK
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<b>Booking Link:</b> <a href="#">KRSCP &amp; VCSE + Faith Organisations   Achieving for Children   Learning Portal</a> Please share as relevant

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Supporting children’s mental health access</b>
<b>Author</b>	Mental Health Support Team - Kingston, Achieving for Children
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>The Mental Health Support Team (MHST), supports children and young people across primary and secondary schools in Kingston and Richmond with their emotional health and wellbeing.</p> <p>As part of our ongoing work around equity, diversity and inclusion, we are looking to run a parent focus group to better understand the barriers families may face when trying to access mental health support for their children.</p> <p>We recognise the important role that local faith and belief communities play in supporting families, and we would love to explore whether your organisation might be able to help us connect with parents and carers who would be willing to take part in this conversation. The insights shared would help us improve how services are delivered across Kingston schools.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<p>We would be very grateful for the opportunity to discuss this further and explore whether there may be a way to work together. Please contact: Olivia Sibthorp</p> <p><a href="mailto:olivia.sibthorp@achievingforchildren.org.uk">olivia.sibthorp@achievingforchildren.org.uk</a></p>

# ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTING

## Kingston Council

For General Enquiries call 0208 547 5000

For the Housing Team call 0208 547 5003

Scan the QR code or access via  
[kingston.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour](https://kingston.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour)

- To report ASB to Kingston Council
- For more information
- To read about the ASB case review



## Metropolitan Police Service

Always dial 999 in an emergency  
Call 101 for non emergency matters  
Report online via [met.police.uk](https://met.police.uk)



## Victim Support

0808 168 9291  
[victimsupport.org.uk](https://victimsupport.org.uk)

**Crimestoppers**  
Anonymous Reporting  
0800 555 111  
[crimestoppers-uk.org](https://crimestoppers-uk.org)



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# ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) CASE REVIEW



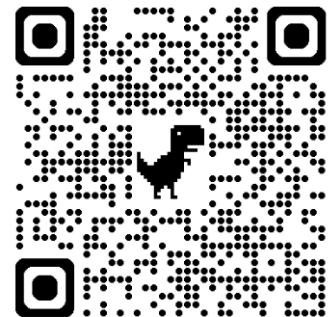
**Are you persistently experiencing ASB?  
Have you reported ASB at least 3 times in the  
last 6 months?**

If so, an ASB Case Review may be activated

This can include reports to: Kingston Council, Met Police,  
Housing Provider or any other responsible body

The ASB Case review does NOT replace general reporting  
methods or formal complaints procedures

To request a review, or find out more  
scan the QR code or access via  
[kingston.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour](https://kingston.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour)



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# Hate Crime Awareness

## What is Hate Crime? (Home Office, 2022)

Hate crime is any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or anybody else to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards a protected characteristic. Five strands:



- Race / ethnicity
- Religion / faith
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity
- Disability

## How to report Hate Crime

- **MET Police**

Always dial 999 in an emergency  
Call 101 for non-emergencies matters  
Online via [met.police.uk](https://met.police.uk) or [report-it.org.uk](https://report-it.org.uk)  
At your local police station.



- **British Transport Police:**

Call 0800 40 50 40 or Text 61016

- **Crime Stoppers** (anonymous reporting)

Online via [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://crimestoppers-uk.org)  
Call 0800 555 111

- **Kingston Council Housing tenants**

Call 0208 547 5003  
Contact your housing officer



Scan the QR code for more information



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# Support for people affected by Hate Crime

**You are not alone, report and find support**

- **Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC)**

Call 02085472332

Email: [info@kingstonrec.org](mailto:info@kingstonrec.org)

[kingstonrec.org](http://kingstonrec.org)

- **Stop Hate UK - 24/7 Stop Hateline**

Phone: 0800 138 1625

Text: 07717 989 025

Text relay: 18001 0800 138 1625

Chat and BSL: [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org)

Email: [talk@stophateuk.org](mailto:talk@stophateuk.org)



- **London Victim & Witness Service**

Call 0808 168 9291

Live chat or online form via [londonvws.org.uk](http://londonvws.org.uk)



Scan the QR code for more support services



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# PROTECTING YOUNG MINDS



## SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS ON HARMFUL ONLINE SPACES

A two-hour,  
interactive workshop  
designed to help  
parents build  
confidence around  
online safety and  
digital wellbeing.

### KEY TOPICS WE'LL EXPLORE:

- Understanding harmful online influences and groups
- Warning signs a young person is engaging in harmful online activity
- Understanding parental controls
- How to hold difficult conversations
- How to access support

For more information email:  
[kanika@groundswell.world](mailto:kanika@groundswell.world)



### SCAN QR CODE OR [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

Date: **Fri 8th May**  
Time: **10:30AM-12:30PM**

Location:  
Online via Google Meet



**GROUNDSWELL  
PROJECT**  
[groundswellproject.org](http://groundswellproject.org)



# DECOLONISING KINGSTON



**KREC**  
Kingston Race and  
Equalities Council



**JOIN US FOR CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS**

**CELEBRATING EQUALITY & COMMUNITY INCLUSION**

Come and be part of Kingston's living story  
These workshops are part of Decolonising Kingston, a borough-wide project developed by Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC) to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Join award-winning writer Jacqueline Crooks, author of *Fire Rush*, for a series of **FREE** creative writing workshops for residents of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. No previous writing experience required, just curiosity and a willingness to explore stories together.

