

RUNNING A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

You may have identified a need in your community to provide further information on hate crime. Running a short community workshop will support your participants and diverse community to feel empowered. It will help them understand what hate crime means, name their experience as a victim or bystander and offer clear steps for the action they can take.

1. Find out specifically what people would like to know. Some people want a safe space to share their experiences or find out further information.
2. Deliver the workshop in the language of choice by participants.
3. Ensure you create and promote a safe space, that is judgement free for people to share their experiences.
4. Speak to your local police or human rights organisation to see if they will deliver a short presentation or attend a community meeting.
5. Run the workshop underneath our three pillars of Awareness, Support and Action. This will help guide the conversation, ensuring participants are informed, connected and supported.
6. Try to keep your session short, sharing of personal experiences can be traumatising.
7. Ensure you have systems in place to offer more emotional and mental health support or referral if people need it.
8. If you don't know the answer to people's questions, say that you don't know but ensure that you follow up. Our website has lots of information that will help guide you towards additional services and support that may have the answers you are looking for.
9. Ensure you do not provide legal advice. Use our list of legal services to guide people to the appropriate organisations.
10. Download the available resources on our website to help support your workshop.

**For more information or access to the downloadable pdfs
please visit hatecrime.com.au**