

RICHMOND COUNCIL

HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

9–17 October 2026 • Events Programme

A week of learning, reflection and community action

SAT 10	Start of Hate Crime Awareness Week Candle-lighting event Candle Lighting video & Message: Councillor Roberts and Champions Available on our Richmond Council Website Richmond Community Resilience Fair 2026 Time: 11.00 am • Venue: Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College, Richmond A local neighbourhood fair focused on community connection, support services and resilience resources.
SUN 11	1. Women’s Interfaith Event: Peace & Unity Time: 11.30 am Venue: Chapman Hall, University of Roehampton, London SW15 5SL A community gathering for women from diverse faiths and backgrounds, with discussion, connection and shared learning. 2. The Act of Hope and Remembrance for Those Affected by Hate Crime Time: 5.30–9.00 pm Venue: The Salvation Army — Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London W1C 2DJ Organiser: 17-24-30 NationalHCAW This annual national vigil is an act of hope and remembrance for people affected by hate crime. It launches a week of collective action across the UK to raise awareness and encourage reporting. The Worshipful, The Mayor of Richmond and Cllr Fiona Sacks will be in attendance. National HCAW Launch Event Time: 5.30–9.00 pm Venue: St Paul’s Cathedral Launch Event — Act of Hope and Remembrance We’ll join others from across the UK to remember those affected by hate crime and renew our shared commitment to a more inclusive and respectful society.

TUE 13	1. FREE Session: Understanding Hate Crime Time: 10.00 am–1.00 pm · Format: Online Organiser: Protection Approaches A free, interactive session for London frontline staff and volunteers. Tickets: Book on Eventbrite. 2. London-wide Active Bystander Training Time: 6.00–8.00 pm · Format: Online webinar – Book on Eventbrite Organiser: Protection Approaches Learn how to respond safely to identity-based harassment or violence using the A.C.T. framework: Address, Connect and Tell. Cost: Free — funded by Thameslink Railway. Alternative dates are available. 3. Come and Meet Us to Talk About Hate Crime Time: 10.00 am–12.00 noon Venue: Richmond Library, Little Green, Richmond TW9 1QL Drop in to meet the team, ask questions and find out more about hate crime and available support.
WED 14	1. Understanding LGBT+ Experiences of Domestic Abuse for Professionals only Time 1-4pm A trauma-informed session with Galop, the UK's LGBT+ anti-abuse charity. Explore identity, the distinct challenges survivors face, barriers to safety and support, and how to respond with greater confidence. Sign Up Here LGBT+ Experiences of Domestic Abuse Training. <i>If you have any queries about the session, or have issue regarding attendance contact abi.jonas@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</i> 2. Support Our Hate Crime Event for Sanctuary Seekers and the Community! Time: 10.00 am–1.30 pm Venue: Multi -Cultural Richmond, 111A Kneller Road, Twickenham TW2 7DT — located at the Whitton Social/Day Centre building Contact: 020 8893 9444 Featuring a special speaker on hate crime awareness, followed by an interactive play and discussion.
THU 15	1. From Exploitation to Empowerment: Modern Slavery Through Lived Experience

Join us for a powerful event exploring modern slavery through the lens of lived experience. We are very pleased to welcome Alex Barnes-Ross, a survivor of exploitation who has spoken publicly about his experiences of coercive control and life within a high-control group, and his journey to freedom and recovery. Through sharing his lived experience,

Alex brings a unique and thought-provoking perspective on the realities of exploitation, resilience and empowerment.

This session offers an opportunity to deepen our understanding of modern slavery, recognise the signs of exploitation, and reflect on how we can support individuals affected by abuse and coercive control. We are grateful to Alex for sharing his story and helping to shine a light on this important issue.

Date: 15 October 2026

Time: 2pm – 3.30pm

Event is online via teams

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/361343847046221?p=qwK9avz7KXjnTraFbl>

Contact sab@richmond&wandsworth.gov.uk with any questions

2. Come and Meet Us to Talk About Hate Crime

Time: 11.00 am–3.00 pm

Venue: St Mary's University, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, London TW1 4SX

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L1NKN P4RK — The Linkin Park Experience Live

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Richmond Comrades Club & Institute Ltd

Cost: From £17.50

A live tribute concert performance.

Programme details may be updated. Please check joining information before attending.