



Anti-Bullying Alliance Updates

1. New guidance documents on bullying published by DCSF

New guidance documents on cyberbullying and homophobic bullying have been published as part of an overarching package called 'Safe to Learn: embedding anti-bullying work in schools'. This document also includes bullying related to race, religion and culture issued last year.

To accompany the guidance, there will also be an online campaign called 'Laugh at it, and you're part of it', which will run for six weeks on internet forums such as Myspace, Bebo, MSN, Instant Messaging and Yahoo! It emphasises curbing 'Bystander bullying' by young people who pass on comments or images made by the original bully without thinking of the consequences. There is also a short film which will be made available to schools.

The guidance can be accessed online through Teachernet. There is also a direct link via Anti-Bullying Alliance website. It is also available in hard copy through Teachernet website.

2. Anti-Bullying Alliance Audit Toolkit

The toolkit developed by Anti-Bullying Alliance is designed to enable schools to analyse and assess their levels of bullying and includes questionnaires for children and young people, school staff, parents and carers. See www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

3. Resource packs for schools

Anti-Bullying Alliance has sent out 25,000 packs in the week beginning 17th September. The virtual copy is available on the Anti-Bullying Alliance website, see www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

4. Anti-Bullying Alliance/Young People Now Conference

This takes place in London on 19th November. The programme explores the implications of implementing the government's Safe to Learn Guidance and includes presentations from some of the country's leading anti-bullying websites. For further information contact: conferences@haymarket.com
Tel. 020 8267 4011. Website: www.antibullyingconference.com

5. Respect Me

Respectme, Scotland's anti-bullying service, launched its first national awareness raising campaign in August. 'It's Never Acceptable' reinforces the message that bullying is never acceptable and is not a normal part of growing up. See www.respectme.org.uk/home/.

6. Wicked – the Musical

Anti-Bullying Alliance has teamed up with Wicked for the launch of anti-bullying week. WICKED is a musical with bullying as its very core, as it tells the story of the wicked witch of the West and how she was bullied for being different. There are WICKED educational posters with anti-bullying lesson plans.

WICKED active learning has been developed with practising teachers to provide a comprehensive set of tools to deliver a series of dynamic lessons.

The pack helps to deliver the knowledge, skills and understanding required for key stage 3 PSHE and Citizenship frameworks as well as delivering the foundations for key stage 4 learning. Much of the content can also be used as the basis for project work with the most able students at key stage 2.

Additionally there are links to the programmes of study for English, Drama, Design and Technology and Art and Design and the resource supports the Every Child Matters framework.

Additional copies of the resource and further support are available from the education section of the official UK WICKED website www.WickedTheMusical.co.uk/education. Please enter the case-sensitive user-name 'education' and the password 'witches' to gain access.

7. Poster on Intervention

The Goldsmith's Research Theatre with the Regional Coordinators developed this poster. It will be designed in a useful format and placed on Anti-Bullying Alliance website.

8. Beatbullying

Beatbullying, Google and YouTube have joined forces to request schools, community groups and youth clubs to submit to them any videos made about bullying - this includes the good, the bad and the ugly! Please send to google@beatbullying.org/

9. Anti-Bullying Strategies: A Practitioners Toolkit

Venue: National Children's Bureau.

Date: Thursday, 14th and 15th February 2008

Two day event offers professionals, practical tools and strategies to enable them to find positive solutions for children and young people and their families affected by relational conflict and bullying behaviour. Cost £350. Please contact Jacqui Bingham on 01323 747051 for application forms.