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THE ACCESSIBLES



Disability Hate Crime
What it is and how to report it.

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In The Last Issue of The Accessibles

Using a time travelling pendant watch, both Josh (or Professor Accessible, if you prefer...) and Hannah, journeyed through the ages, witnessing the history of disabled people in Manchester. They also looked at how disabled people have been portrayed in the media and how disabled people started to campaign for their rights...

About The Accessibles

The Accessibles was originally devised by young disabled people at Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People for Disability History Month. The young disabled people felt that using comics was a fun and accessible way of telling a story and providing information. Working in conjunction with Archives+ and The Disabled Staff Group of Manchester City Council, the group drafted in local comics artist Jim Medway to help pull it together.

The original issue ended up winning the Manchester Community History Award in March 2016.

When it came to producing some information about Disability Hate Crime, the group felt that continuing the theme of The Accessibles was a great way to put across information on this important issue.

The comic was developed through discussions about hate crime, and a wish to encourage disabled people to report any hate incidents or crimes they experience or see.

This comic has been written by a group of young disabled people involved in Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People: Jamie Alsager, Dominic Bennett, Josh Coy, Chris Dwyer, Kat Henshaw, Dan Lawless, Qaasim Safdar and Mat Warrington. The project was facilitated and supported by Linda Marsh and Brett Savage, with the invaluable help of Jim Medway.



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...And winning this year's Manchester Community Histories Award is - 'The Accessibles' comic! - Here are Josh and Hannah to receive the Award.

Thank you so much! It's great to think that a comic about disabled people in Manchester has come so far.

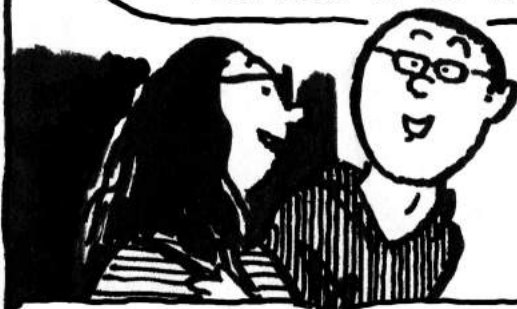


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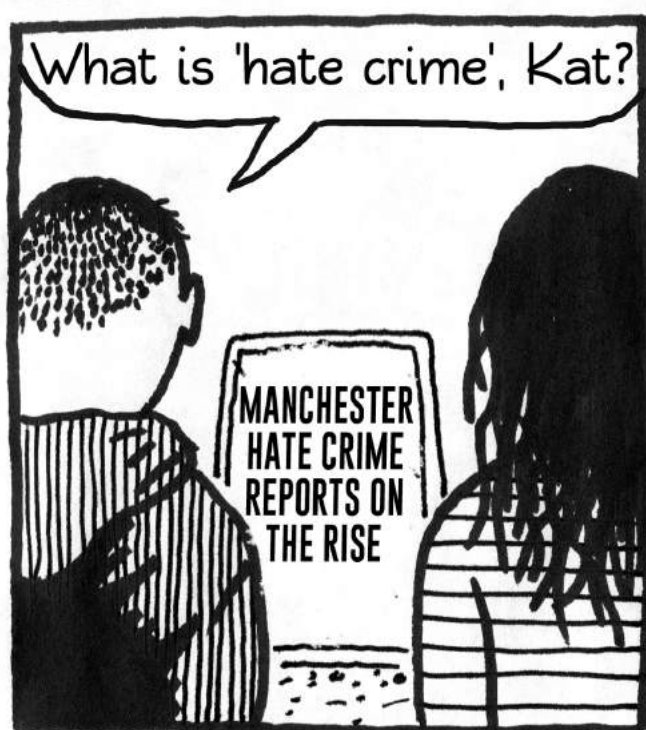
Didn't they look so calm up there, Kat?

- I'd have been a bag of nerves if it was me!



Yeah, Josh told me he was nervous beforehand.

Come on, Qaasim. let's get going.



Hate Crime is defined as any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's characteristic or perceived characteristic including:

Alternative subculture
Disability

Race

Religion or belief

Sexual orientation

Trans

A hate incident is defined as above but it is when a crime has not been committed.

That's a right mouthful!

Hey, scroll down

Oh yeah, look, there's a meeting about hate crime tomorrow...

Shall we go?

And so, at the meeting -

I've had my hijab ripped off in the street.

I've been bullied for being a wheelchair user...

Report
it to the
Police

Since people learned I'm transgender,
I've had nasty letters and packages
through my letterbox.



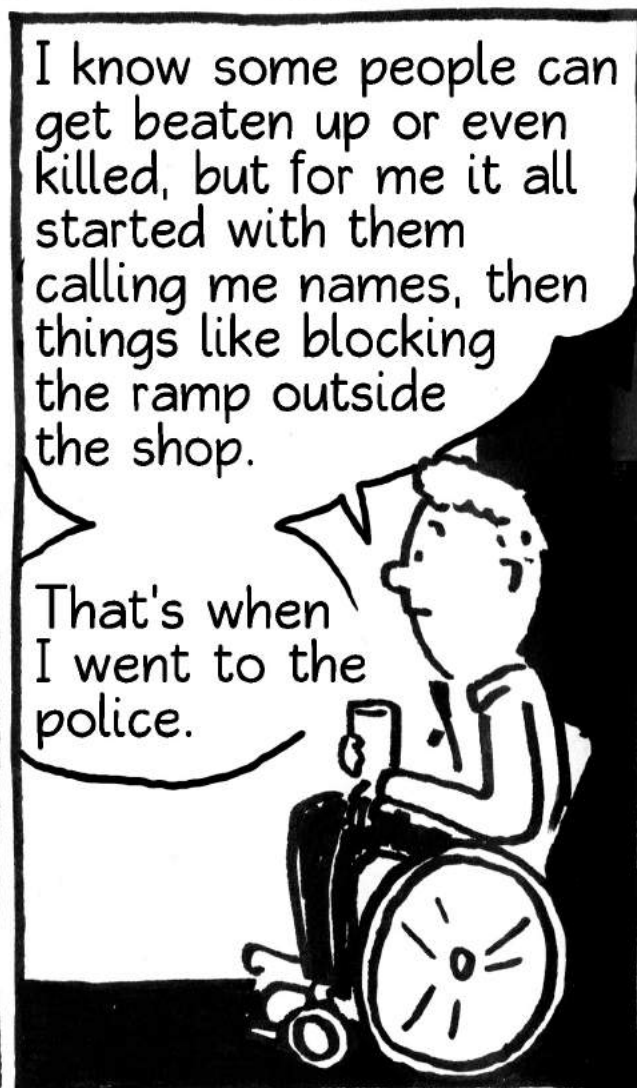
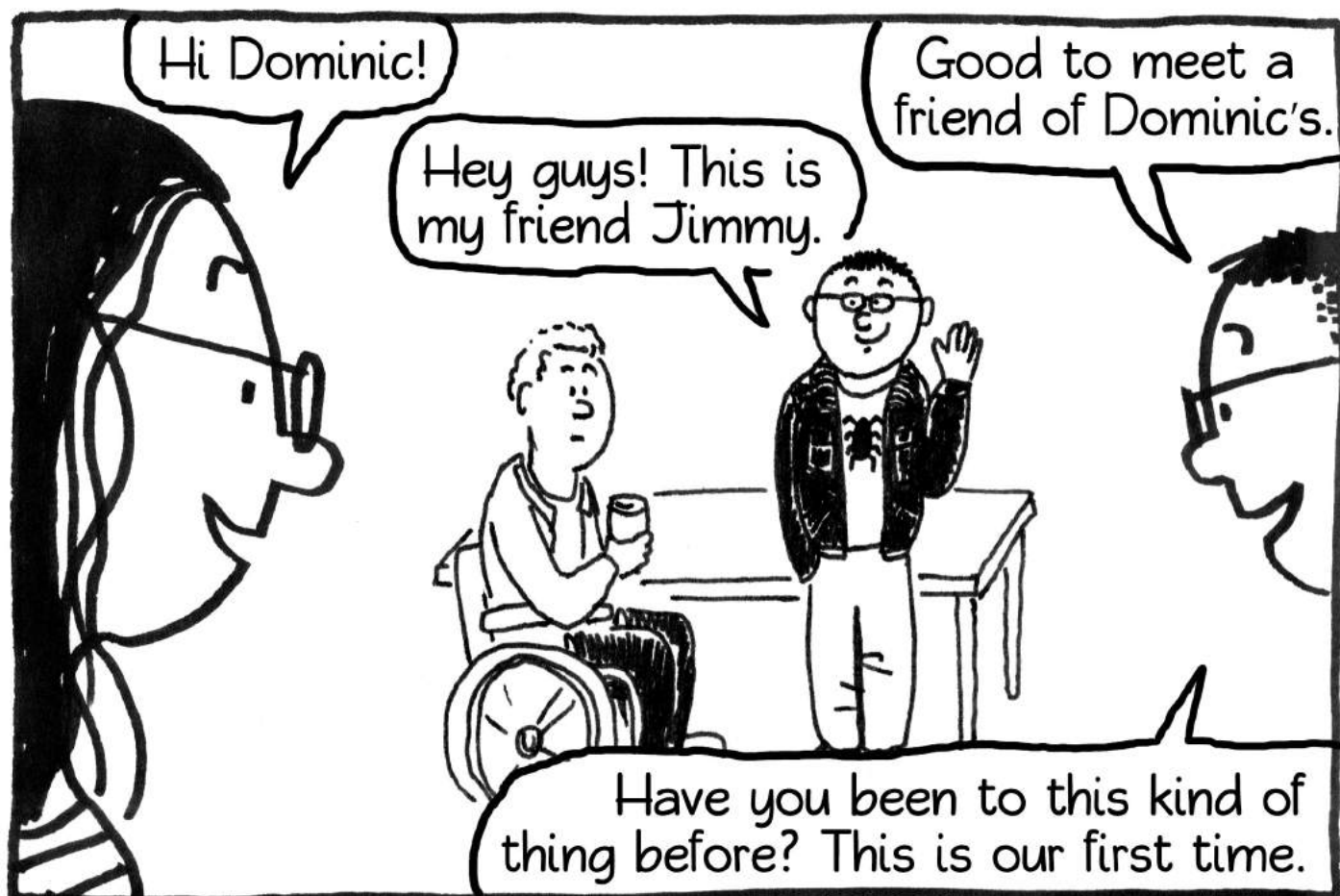


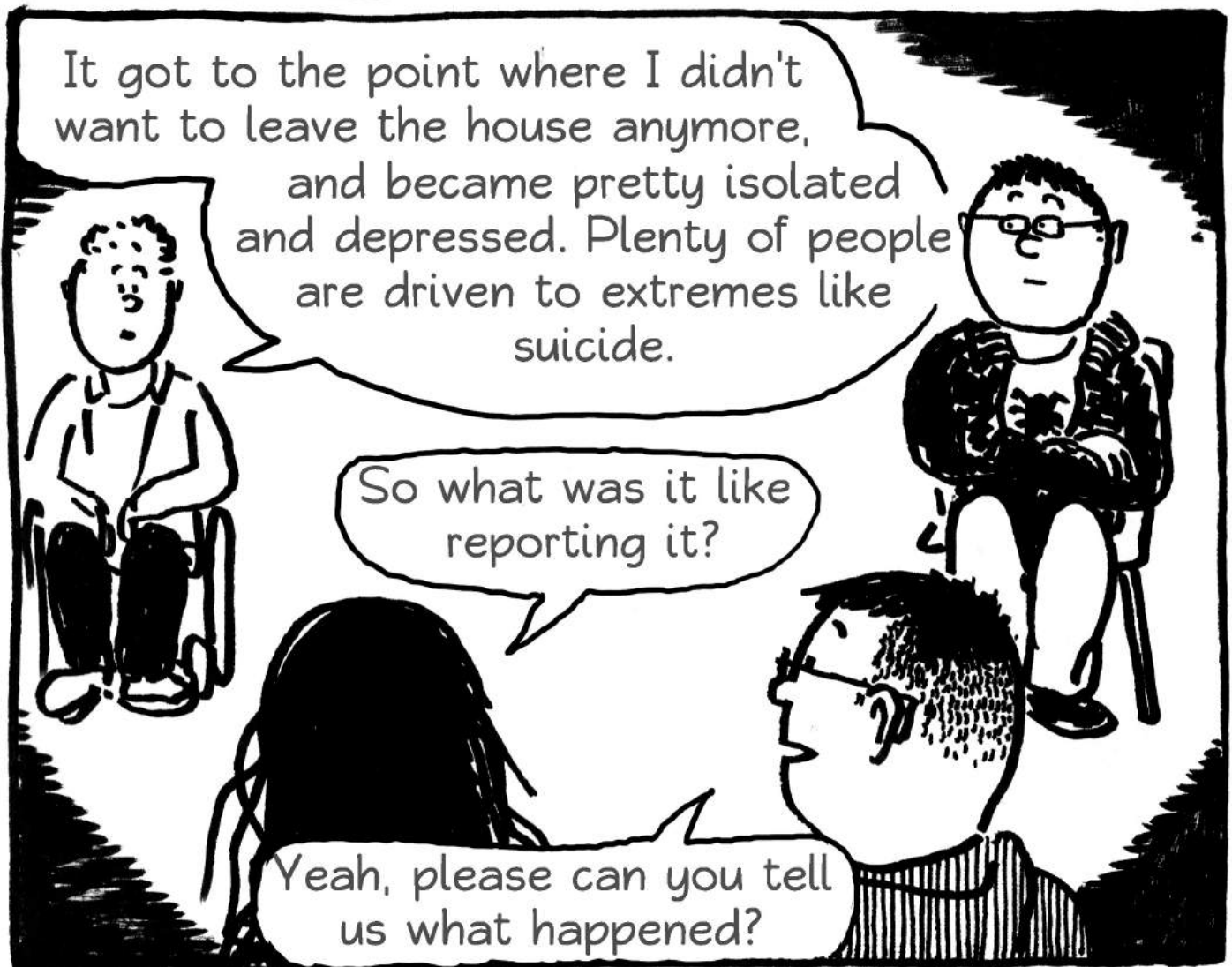
I was threatened as I came out of a gay bar.

You wouldn't believe the amount of stick I get because of my piercings, tattoos, and the music I listen to.

I didn't realise identity meant so many things

I'm constantly scrubbing racist graffiti from my door.





It started one day with a couple of brutal remarks.



They then started to block the ramp, and not let me in the shop. Things got proper vicious.



The next day -

Enough was enough,
and I decided to report
this to the police.



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So, tell me in your own
words what happened...



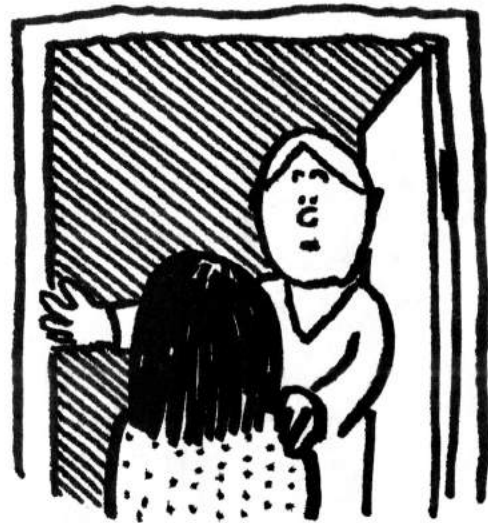
It was easier than I thought.

It's important to report this
stuff to the police.

There are other ways you can report it, Jimmy. . .



My friend got shouted at in the street.



She went home really upset, and her mum and dad asked her what happened.

She didn't want to report it to the police because she didn't think it was worth bothering them with.



But her mum helped her report it on the True Vision website.

Well, I've been picked on a lot because of my impairment, but never felt it serious enough to get the police involved.

- Aren't they busy chasing murderers?!

If you feel anxious or embarrassed about talking to the police, you could do it through True Vision.

There's also some places called third party reporting centres who will help.

Even if you don't want it investigating, it's important the police know about it. They can build up a picture of what is happening and where. It can help them target resources too.

The police **do** take hate crime seriously.)

(And you know what?...

- So do we!

Promoting positive attitudes
to disabled people now!



Hey, nice to
see you guys
here!

Come and join the rally!



Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People

- Do you feel that you experience barriers in everyday life?
- Do you feel that there is still discrimination and prejudice towards disabled people?
- Do you want to do something to change this?

Or...

- Do you need information?
- Would you like assistance with getting the support you need?
- Do you want to find out about campaigning for rights?

GMCDP is an organisation of disabled people which is here to support disabled people. We may not have all the answers – but we should know someone who has! So please, **do get in contact with us.**

What is GMCDP?

Often known as 'The Coalition', or GMCDP, Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People is an organisation run and controlled by disabled people. Only disabled people can be on the Management Committee and vote at meetings, and GMCDP employs only disabled workers. GMCDP does, however, welcome the involvement of non-disabled supporters, who appreciate that control of our own organisations is an essential part of disabled people achieving control over our own lives.

GMCDP aims to

- Promote the independence and inclusion of disabled people in society.
- Identify and challenge the discrimination faced by disabled people in society today.
- Encourage and support the self-organisation of disabled people.

GMCDP recognises that disabled people are discriminated against and actively opposes the segregation of disabled people.

All current GMCDP publications are available in standard print, large print, audio, Braille, electronically and easier to read.

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HOW TO REPORT A HATE INCIDENT OR CRIME



If you do not use voice calls, register with Emergency SMS to send text instead of ringing 999. Register on the website: www.emergencysms.org.uk

If not an emergency, call 101 or your local police force. The phone number for Greater Manchester Police is 0161 872 5050. If you use a textphone, contact 18001 101.



Report the incident through the True Vision website at: www.report-it.org.uk/your_police_force



You can report the incident to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555111, or by their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Some places called 'third party reporting centres' will take a report of a hate incident or crime from you. there are a lot of these centres. Find a list of centres in Greater Manchester on the web at www.gmpcc.org.uk/tools-and-resources/hate-crime