

WEBINAR

Addressing the psychological needs of hate crime victims through a trauma-informed approach

17 June 2024, 10:00-11:30 (CEST)

Registration link: [here](#)



ODIHR is gathering specialist support providers, criminal justice actors, civil society representatives and researchers working in the area of hate crime for a 90-minute webinar aimed at promoting a trauma-informed approach to meeting hate crime victims' psychological needs. If this is you, please join ODIHR's online event to learn from and share valuable insights with experts on hate crime victim support.

The webinar will bring together leading experts and practitioners in the field of hate crime victim support for engaging discussions, moderated by ODIHR's hate crime specialists. The speakers will provide their insights on the community impact of hate crimes, including on group identity, empathy and shared suffering. They will also focus on the psychological support services available to victimized communities and on the importance of recognizing the specific trauma experienced by hate crime victims.

Hate crimes target victims simply for who they are, and send a message of rejection to all who share the victim's identity traits. For this reason, hate crimes can have a greater impact on victims than other crimes, and can cause persistent post-victimization socio-emotional and psychological distress. It is therefore essential that practitioners working to support hate crime victims come together to share their knowledge and examples of good practice in their work.

Guest speakers:

Eben Louw

Health psychologist, specialist in psychotraumatology, therapist, counselor, and co-author of a book "Racism-Sensitive Counselling and Therapy of Refugees" (in [German](#), 2020)

Dr Jenny Paterson

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Northumbria University

Hanne Visdal-Johnsen

Social anthropologist, supervisor, psychosocial support delegate in Norwegian Red Cross, and special advisor in [RVTS Sør \(resource centre for psychological traumas\)](#)

Webinar Hosts & Moderation:

Ruth Burns, Assistant Hate Crime Officer at ODIHR

Tomasz Filipiak, Associate Project Officer at ODIHR

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