

# “One Barnsley”

# CHARTER AGAINST RACISM AND HATE CRIMES

## A Citizen’s Commitment

- Racism, the intolerance of difference and the activities of the racist right are on the rise across Barnsley. Black and minority ethnic residents including lesbians and gay men, disabled and elderly residents, at some point will suffer because of the rise in hate crimes and racism.
- We, the people who live and work in Barnsley are committed to working together to ensure that Barnsley is a safe peaceful and harmonious place for ourselves, our children, the wider community and future generations, in recognition that we all have an equal stake in its future.
- We cherish and uphold our long tradition of welcoming visitors and new arrivals to Barnsley.
- We will stand united against those who seek to divide neighbour against neighbour and try to damage or undermine our community and destroy our peace.
- We appreciate and respect diversity and will vigorously oppose hatred, discrimination and blaming or vilifying residents of Barnsley – citizens, visitor, asylum seekers and refugees within our borough.
- We acknowledge that belonging to Barnsley involves rights and responsibilities; giving as well as sharing.
- We will celebrate what we have in common, and what unites us: a wish to live in peace and security together, to have a decent standard of living and fair share of resources, to have equal chances in life and enjoy good health.
- We will celebrate all that is good about Barnsley, the richness of its heritage, cultural traditions, beliefs, distinctive neighbourhoods and the energy, character and diversity of its people.
- We recognise and support the equal rights of everyone in Barnsley.
- We will continue to work towards building bridges of understanding, neighbourliness, friendship and mutual respect in Barnsley.

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