

## **PSNI Hate Crime Poster Competition**

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**Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND:** Dr Christopher Stange – Chair of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Multicultural Independent Advisory Group (IAG) and Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland was part of a select panel of 4 other IAG Members to judge the PSNI Community in the Policing (Community Safety Branch) hate crime poster competition initiative with Year 8 students across Northern Ireland.

IAG's have been formed under Northern Ireland's Section 75 legislation to allow appointed representatives a mechanism to guide and advise the PSNI and other community groups on local policing.

The initiative was co-ordinated through the 4 Education and Library Boards across Northern Ireland channelling the large volume of posters received back to the PSNI.

The winner, runner-up and second runner-up for each category of hate crime will be highlighted in an award ceremony at the new Titanic Building on June 18, 2012.

Dr Christopher Stange added: "This initiative goes a long way to break down stereotypes, myths and discrimination, challenging attitudes and engaging the younger generation of the rights and responsibilities we all have to ensure a shared and cohesive society."

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