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PRESTON BASED DISABLED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION RECEIVES LOTTERY FUNDING TO TACKLE DISABILITY HATE CRIME!

This week is National Hate Crime Awareness Week and its started well for local group Disability Equality (nw). They are celebrating a £373,000 grant awarded to them from the National Lottery to further their work on Disability Hate Crime.

Melanie Close, Chief Executive of the Charity said, 'This grant has come at exactly the right time and we are delighted. We have been involved with hate crime initiatives since 2009 and securing funding has always been difficult. We are extremely grateful to the National Lottery for recognising our commitment to tackling hate crime and addressing local needs as identified by disabled people themselves'.

Jennifer Carthy, Hate Crime Project's Co-ordinator said, 'We expect to make a huge impact on hate crime services and support for disabled victims over the next three years. We will be developing programmes and partnerships that put disabled people in the lead. There are exciting times ahead and we can't wait to get started'

Disability Equality (nw) is a Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) whose main aim is to further the rights of disabled people. The majority of trustees, staff

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and trustees are disabled people who are involved in the planning and delivery of a range of services from their base at 103, Church Street Preston PR1 3BS.

The services include; Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centre, Lancashire Independent Living Service, Supported Banking, Information and Advice Service, Digital Inclusion and Policy and Campaign work.

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