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is a mother of four, a grandmother of three, a trained counsellor and a wheelchair user who lives in London.

Anne has twice been the victim of hate crime because she is a Disabled person. She was a victim of hate crime in 2004 when a group of six men followed her and stopped her from moving down the street. The men shouted abuse and told Anne she "should be in a home" and threatened her with a plank of wood. Four years later, in Summer 2008 Anne was again targeted on the street by a man who verbally abused her - at one point saying that she should have "been killed at birth" and that she was a "nuisance". Anne reported both incidents as hate crimes both to her local police and online.

According to a recent report by Disability charity Scope entitled *Getting Away with Murder* "Hate crime against Disabled people appears to be common and widespread. Disabled people are more likely to be victims of crime, and Disabled women more likely to be victims of domestic violence than non-Disabled people. However, lack of national comprehensive data on the prevalence and the nature of Disability hate crime means the true extent of the problem remains hidden". You can read the full report at www.scope.org.uk.

Anne is a trustee of the UK Disabled People's Council. She advises the Metropolitan Police and British Transport Police on Disability issues to ensure that hate crime against Disabled people is recognised and treated as such. Verbal abuse and aggressive treatment are hate crimes and have a damaging impact on the victim. By recognising the language of hatred used against Disabled people and choosing not to accept it when you hear it you too can **Stand up to Hatred.**

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