



Dr Mark Brookes MBE is Advocacy Lead at Dimensions, where he has devoted his time to working as an advocate on the issue of hate crime against people with learning disabilities. He has received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Kent and an MBE for the work he has done.

Mark is the leading voice on the #ImWithSam campaign to raise awareness about hate crime and has led training with police forces, training over 1000 officers on the issue of learning disability hate crime. Mark also leads workshop for people with learning disabilities about hate crime, supporting people to understand their rights.

Mark has attended numerous international conferences and workshops with organisations over the years, to speak about learning disability hate crime. He has also worked with Crown Prosecution Service to support people with learning disabilities to go to court and advising on CPS hate crime policy.

Mark says 'hate crime has always been something I wanted to work on, as not much work has been done around learning disability and autism hate crime. Being someone with a learning disability, working on hate crime as a voice for people with a learning disability has helped put hate crime on the map for people with learning disability and autism.'