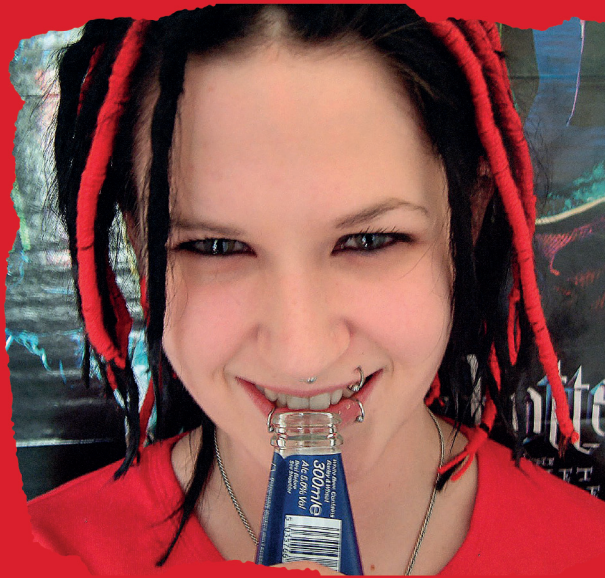


The Sophie Lancaster Foundation

Sophie's mother, Sylvia, had seen the abuse and prejudice her daughter had been subjected to because of how she dressed. Determined to challenge this attitude, she set up the Sophie Lancaster Foundation.

Our aim is to educate people that difference is something to be celebrated, not feared, and in particular, make audiences think about their own response to people who are different to them.

We also work with the police and the justice system to raise awareness and understanding of alternative subculture hate crime.



Sophie
stamp out prejudice, hatred & intolerance everywhere

Sophie Lancaster and her boyfriend Rob were attacked by a gang of five boys in a park in Bacup, Lancashire on 11 August 2007. The gang had not met them before and there was no provocation. Sophie and Rob's distinctive gothic appearance was the only catalyst for violence.

The attack was prolonged and brutal with the gang attacking Rob first. When he was unconscious from punches and flying kicks to the head, two of the gang turned on Sophie. They kicked her and jumped on her head until she was unconscious.

Sophie and Rob were both put in induced comas and thankfully, Rob recovered from his injuries. Sophie remained in hospital for 13 days without regaining consciousness before the family agreed to life support being switched off.

Sophie died on 24 August 2007; she was just 20 years old.

The Foundation's mission to **STAMP OUT PREJUDICE HATRED & INTOLERANCE EVERYWHERE** can be summed up in one word;

S.O.P.H.I.E



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The Sophie Lancaster Foundation challenges the negative stereotyping frequently targeted at people from alternative sub-cultures. Our message of not making assumptions or judging people by what they look like supports our mission of building stronger, connected communities.

We Educate:

S.O.P.H.I.E. Workshop for Key Stage 2 (Year 6) and Key Stages 3 & 4.

Hate crime presentations to school groups and diverse university faculties.

Videos plus Q & As with the Foundation team.

Training for primary and secondary teachers and youth workers.

We Stimulate:

Emotionally challenging presentations on Sophie's story.

Thought-provoking talks about hate crime, victim impact, diversity & inclusion.

Unforgettable bespoke training for police, prison service, housing associations, NHS, local authorities.

We Celebrate:

Sophie's story always brings sadness - a young life taken too soon by ignorance and violence. Yet she represents so much that is joyful. We celebrate diverse music, style, culture and the joy of being you, just as you are.

Invite us to your event - freshers fairs, festivals, workshops, open days or training events.

HATE CRIME

Report It

The Foundation works extensively with police services across the country to raise awareness of Sophie's murder to highlight hate crime against people from alternative sub-cultures.

We encourage all victims of hate to please report it. Support and advice can be found online at the True Vision police hate crime reporting website (report-it.org.uk) or at Stop Hate UK (stophateuk.org)



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