

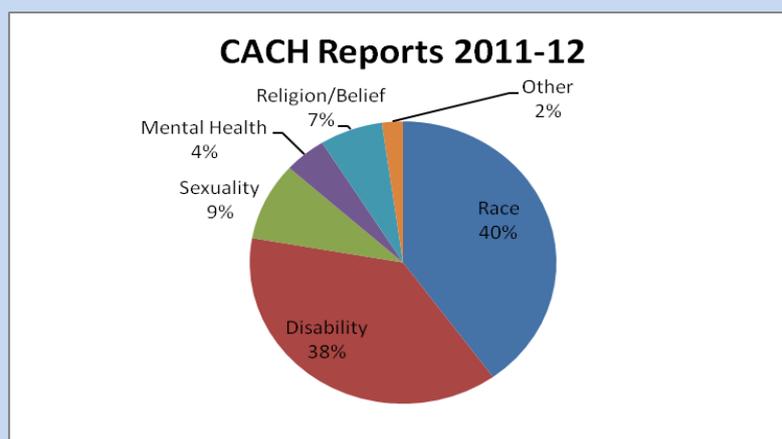


Before we become too focused on the superb sporting events of the summer and how they have helped bring together people from every corner of the globe, here is a short report of the CACH Annual General Meeting that happened last month.

2012 AGM Report

The CACH Executive thought the AGM would be a great opportunity to remind ourselves and our partners why we exist and also the impact we have had on the lives of those who have made reports to us. Several people who have experiences of hate crime and discrimination in Staffordshire wrote statements about what had happened to them and how CACH helped them. One particularly courageous gentleman, who reported to CACH a series of verbal attacks motivated by his facial disfigurement, attended the meeting and spoke of the emotional impact bullying can have on people. He now regularly visits schools and youth clubs to talk about this.

We also spent some time looking at the reports that CACH has received since the 2011 AGM. There has been a massive increase in reporting and the figures are giving us some good information enabling us to form a picture of hate crime in Staffordshire. The perceived motivation for incidents looks like this with 40% of incidents relating to race, followed closely by 38% relating to a disability:



The majority of incidents start as verbal abuse sometimes progressing to harassment and worse, physical violence. Some of the verbal abuse reports we deal with are incidents that the police would not always recognise as being crimes. This makes the role of CACH even more critical so that we can be there to support the victim and offer encouragement to report to the police again should the problem reoccur and become persistent.

If you want to see the full regional breakdown of incidents or types of incidents please drop us a line on admin@cachpartnership.org.uk or call 01785 619775 (Thursday and Friday).



Missing the Olympics?



LONDON 2012 Paralympics
29 August – 9 September 2012

Here is a quick look at some of Team GB's Olympic heroes of past, present and the future (we hope)!



Having retired earlier this year Tasha Danvers did not compete in the 2012 games but has seen previous Olympic success winning a bronze in the 400m hurdles in 2008 in Beijing. Plagued by injury she was forced to retire before her dream of competing at her home Olympics became a reality. She has since spoken openly about her mental health issues and struggle with depression. Now an ambassador for the charity [Rethink](#) she hopes her openness will help other athletes ask for help and support for their mental, as well as physical, health.



Mo Farah, double gold medal winner for Team GB at London 2012 (and creator of the Mobot) is a Somali refugee. He came to the UK with his family at the age of 8. When asked whether he would prefer to have been running for Somalia he said: "Look mate, this is my country. This is where I grew up, this is where I started life. This is my country and when I put on my Great Britain vest I'm proud."



Hannah Cockroft is 19 and has a lot of expectation on her shoulders for 2012 in particular in the 100m wheelchair sprint. "I don't think I've done too bad for a girl who the doctors said would never walk, talk or do anything for herself. When I was born I had two cardiac arrests, which caused brain and nerve damage to my spine, legs and feet. They told my parents I would never be able to do anything my whole life and wouldn't live past my teenage years. In the Paralympic athletics test at the London Olympic Stadium last week I broke the 100m World Record. For me, the only acceptable outcome in London is gold."



Another gold medallist for Team GB is Craig Hester who is one of the trio who made up the equestrian dressage team. He was Team GB's only openly gay male participant at London 2012. If there were a Team LGBT they would have finished 31st in the medal table overall and 21st in the gold table. Out of the 23 gay athletes 10 went home with medals. A success rate of 43% is something any country would be proud of.

CURRENT AFFAIRS



Footballer arrested for making homophobic comments on Twitter:

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2012/08/03/tom-daley-gay-hate-tweet-footballer-arrested/>

The Dalai Lama visits cause concern for China's participation in the Olympics:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-18445240>

See what UK Sport are doing to promote equality in sport:

<http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/pages/equality/>

Women's Football GB Team set to reunite for Rio after initial setback:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-2188972/FA-Team-GB-women-footballers-fight-qualify-spot-2016-Olympics.html>

TV REVIEW



The Best of Men (BBC 2012)

Starring: Rob Brydon
Eddie Marsan

Available on BBC iPlayer until Thursday 23rd August 2012

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01m1jqd/The_Best_of_Men/



Telling the story of Dr Ludwig Guttman, the man who founded the Paralympics, this inspiring 'made for TV' film is a tribute to those involved with the games, past and present, and indeed to the BBC.

Once you get accustomed to Eddie Marsan's German accent you can see the talent of all concerned running through this piece. It is a shame that it does not appear to be scheduled for another televised airing anytime soon but if you are quick you can get in on BBC iPlayer.

Dr Guttman (Marsan) was a Jewish refugee. In 1943, having fled Nazi Germany some years previously, he was asked by the British Government to set up a spinal injuries unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital working with injured servicemen, many of whom it appears had been 'written off', given heavy sedatives and were being left to die. Guttman believed that sport could be used as a form of therapy after he arrived at the hospital he turned the lives of the patients around. He saw hope where there was previously none and on the same day the London Olympics of 1948 began so too did the Stoke Mandeville games. By 1952 the Stoke Mandeville Games had over 130 international competitors and finally his dream was realised by the games being held alongside the Olympics in 1960.



The real Dr Ludwig Guttman

The characters within this dramatisation of events are fun (especially Brydon's Corporal Wynn Bowen) loveable and verging on occasions on fanciful but at the end of the story you will be left inspired, impressed and proud of what humanity can achieve with the right outlook on life.

CACH needs your contributions to make **Omnibus** a success. Any news, information or best practice you want to share please do not hesitate to send it over to us for inclusion in the next edition!

OVERCOMING

The *impact* of HATE



Jesse Owens 1913 -1980

Jesse entered the 1936 Olympics, which were held in Nazi Germany amidst Hitler's propaganda that the Games would support his belief that the German Aryan people were the dominant race. African American Jesse had different plans. He became the first American track & field athlete to win four gold medals in a single Olympiad. This remarkable achievement stood unequalled until the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, when American Carl Lewis matched Jesse's feat. Although others have gone on to win more gold medals than Jesse, he remains the best remembered Olympic athlete because he achieved much more than medals.

During a time of deep-rooted segregation, he not only discredited Hitler's master race theory, but also affirmed that individual excellence, rather than race or national origin, distinguishes one person from another.

Athletes didn't return from the Olympics to lucrative advertising and product endorsement campaigns in those days and Owens returned home to support his young family with a variety of jobs. One was of special significance to him, Playground Director in Cleveland. It was his first step into a lifetime of working with underprivileged young people and it was this which gave him his greatest satisfaction in life. After relocating to Chicago he devoted much more of his time to working with and for underprivileged young people as he became a Board Member and Director of the Chicago Boys' Club.

Jesse Owens died from complications due to lung cancer on March 31 in 1980. Words of sorrow, sympathy and admiration poured in from all over the world. Perhaps President Carter said it best when he stated, "Perhaps no athlete better symbolized the human struggle against tyranny, poverty and racial bigotry. His personal triumphs as a world-class athlete and record holder were the prelude to a career devoted to helping others. His work with young athletes, as an unofficial ambassador overseas, and a spokesman for freedom are a rich legacy to leave."

Source and to find out more visit: www.JesseOwens.com



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