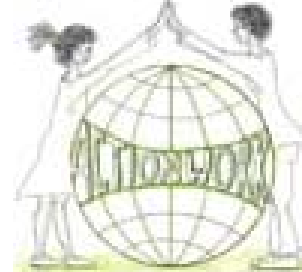


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**John Penrose MP joins with young members  
of the I Power I Crew to call for anti-bullying  
training for teachers**

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Young anti-bullying campaigners, the I Power I Crew welcome John Penrose MP's decision to adopt their Early Day Motion (EDM) asking for more anti-bullying teacher training. Mr Penrose says "In the run up to national anti-bullying week, I wanted to put forward a sensible suggestion, endorsed by young people, to help address the problem".

In 2002 anti-bullying experts and the great majority of trainee teachers surveyed at the same time stated that anti-bullying training should be part of basic teacher training. This has not happened. So in 2005 the young people at the I Power I National Anti-Bullying Conference for Young People voted unanimously to ask the government to provide *intensive anti-bullying training for all new teachers as part of their teacher training and to existing teachers through intensive short programmes*. Since the conference the I Power I Crew have campaigned by letter to the Government and have now launched this Early Day Motion (EDM 1009) with John Penrose MP. We urge you to contact your MP and ask them to sign this cross party and very important motion.

Statistics show that young people in the United Kingdom suffer many thousands of incidents of bullying every week. Many of us are living with bullying every day of every month of every year. We want more adults to realise that we are living in fear, we are excluded, isolated, terrorised, ignored, violently attacked, emotionally disturbed and hospitalised. We often truant to protect ourselves, and sometimes we kill ourselves because we are bullied.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has over 60 member organisations and 100's of other anti-bullying groups exist around the UK, all of whom are doing fantastic work to help deal with issues of bullying. We are all saying that enough is enough, bullying needs to be dealt with.

**21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November is National Anti-Bullying Week.**

**Please contact your MP and ask them to sign EDM 1009 for anti-bullying week.**

To print off a pro-forma letter to send to your MP please visit <http://www.actionwork.com/edmABWletter.pdf>

The Full wording of the Early Day Motion presented by Mr Penrose is

"That this House recognises the good work of young people at the "I Power I" national anti-bullying conference for young people; further recognises the efforts of all members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance and other UK anti-bullying organisations in addressing the problems of bullying; notes that young people in the United Kingdom suffer many thousands of incidents of bullying every week; and believes that the government should provide intensive anti-bullying training for all new teachers as part of their teacher training and to existing teachers through intensive short programmes."

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For more info about the I Power I Crew visit: <http://www.bully.org>  
To see a list of EDM's visit: <http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMList.aspx>  
The annual I Power I Anti-Bullying Conference for Young People is produced by Actionwork

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