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Welcome to the December edition of the Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme Newsletter, signposting you to a range of national, regional and local anti-bullying initiatives.

Being Me is a free anti-bullying classroom resource available to download [here](#) that seeks to celebrate difference and promote inclusion by giving young people in years 5-8 an invaluable insight into the potential challenges being faced by their peers. Led by [Kidscape](#), Being Me is the result of a partnership with four other charities: **Carers Trust**, **Diversity Role Models**, **Potential Plus** and **The National Autistic Society**. It offers young people five powerful diary entries and short stories that aim to raise awareness of bullying and give readers a greater understanding of what life is like for other children: life with autism; life as a young carer; life at the end of homophobic taunts, or life when you're the most able or gifted and ostracised as a result.



£2 million fund to tackle homophobic bullying in schools

For many, memories of being bullied in the playground, in the corridors and in classrooms will stay with them for the rest of their lives. It can deter children from being themselves, achieving their full potential and developing the important skills they need to succeed. The Department for Education has been clear that schools should take tough action against all types of bullying behaviour and all schools must have a behaviour policy that challenges all forms of bullying. The law was changed in 2012 to strengthen the powers teachers have to enforce discipline and good behaviour. Schools have been given advice on their legal duties and powers, and other resources to help them put an end to bullying. [More](#)



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Children's Rights



Twenty five years ago, in 1989, governments across the world promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention says what countries must do so that all children grow as healthy as possible, can learn at school, are protected, have their views listened to, and are treated fairly. [More](#)

Do you have a contribution for the next newsletter? Can you share your experience / good practice? Email Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk

