

# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2011



**Anti-bullying Week 2011 will be held from 14-18 November.** With the slogan '**Stop and think – words can hurt**' this year's campaign is focused on tackling verbal bullying

We all know that derogatory language – words and expressions that are homophobic, racist, sexist or disabilist, that seek to demean particular groups and individuals are far too common in our schools, colleges and communities.

Through this year's theme the aim is to:

- challenge the casual use of derogatory language in our schools, colleges and communities
- encourage schools, colleges and other settings to create language charters that makes it clear what is and isn't acceptable
- give children and young people the tools to challenge others when they use derogatory language, to find new ways of expressing how they feel if they are angry or upset, and to make a conscious effort to speak positively and to compliment others
- encourage adults to consider how they model the use of language with children and young people; this includes all practitioners working with children and young people but also celebrities and people in positions of power.