



Register Today for the Not In Our Town National Leadership Gathering



Join us as Not In Our Town returns to its birthplace in Billings, Montana, 20 years after the Billings story sparked a national movement against hate and intolerance.

The 2nd National Leadership Gathering is a three-day event that will bring together hundreds of civic and community leaders, law enforcement officials, faith leaders, youth and educators from around the country.

Free Guide: Stronger, Safer Communities

Building Stronger, Safer Communities: A Guide for Law Enforcement and Community Partners to Prevent and Respond to Hate Crimes offers leadership strategies and actionable tactics to help law enforcement agencies work with community partners.

The Not In Our Town National Leadership Gathering will provide hands-on strategy sharing from locally-based leaders just like you!

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Not In Our Town in the Midwest



We've been busy in the Midwest! Some highlights:

* Kansas City, MO-based KCPT recently spoke with Not In Our Town Executive Producer Patrice O'Neill on stopping hate crimes and bullying. [Check out the interview here.](#)

* The Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crimes brought together 250 civic and law enforcement leaders statewide for a Not In

Our Town workshop. Leaders are working to bring five Michigan cities to the [National Leadership Gathering](#).

* Our new film, "Waking In Oak Creek," premieres in Oak Creek, WI on March 18. The film portrays the powerful community actions after the Sikh Temple hate crime killings in 2012.

Join communities, public media stations and law enforcement agencies nationwide and host a screening of a Not In Our Town film. [Contact us to set up a screening.](#)

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New Anti-Bullying Video for Elementary Students



[Watch Video + Get Lesson Plan](#)

In this new video geared toward elementary schools, students from Grimmer Elementary School in Fremont, CA explore the impact of bullying and ways to be an upstander.

After intermediate students share personal experiences, they decide to take action and invent the "Leaving a Positive Footprint" activity, where students paint blue footprints with positive messages "walking" though their campus. Later, they work with first grade buddies to discuss

bullying and speaking up, and together they make paper footprint cut-outs and create their own Upstander messages to post around the school.

[Watch the streaming video and use the lesson plan to leave positive footprints in your school.](#)

5 Lessons from a Hate Crime Detective



Det. Ellen Vest

During her 30 years of law enforcement, Detective Vest distilled the most important ideas about hate crimes down to five lessons, which she teaches to cadets in a seminar she helped initiate at the Miramar Police Academy in San Diego.

[Read her 5 lessons at NIOT.org.](#) This article was originally published in the COPS Community Policing Dispatch e-Newsletter.

Marshalltown NIOT Group Pledges Help in Iowa Anti-Bullying Bill

The local Not In Our Town group in Marshalltown, IA offers its help on a piece of legislation that will strengthen



Marshalltown Times-Republican Publisher Mike Schlesinger with Marshall County Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus.

[on NIOT.org](http://NIOT.org).

anti-bullying policies and provide training on bullying prevention statewide.

The legislation, House Study Bill 525, is currently circulating in the House Education Committee and relates to state and school anti-harassment policies and professional conduct and ethics for school personnel. Not In Our Town Marshalltown chair Mike Schlesinger, also the publisher of the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, offered the group's input to the representatives tasked to the bill. [Read more](#)

