

Press Release

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Barking, Beethoven and bedrooms

UNITE Mediation are taking part in Noise Action Week next week and will be represented at events at Middlesbrough College on Monday 18 May and Stockton High Street on Wednesday 20 May.

Last year noise was the single most important issue in more than a third of all the neighbour disputes UNITE dealt with. People can be disturbed by all kinds of noise from barking dogs to music (yes, including classical music) and 'bedroom noise.' In fact the latter can be very difficult for people to talk about with their neighbours as they naturally feel embarrassed about bringing the subject up.

There are plenty of other reasons why people find it difficult to approach their neighbours about noise nuisance. That's where mediators can help. UNITE's highly trained and experienced mediators act as 'go-betweens' to organise a meeting between the neighbours in a neutral venue where the mediators help the neighbours talk constructively about their situation and find a way to work things out .

UNITE mediator, Debra Rhodes said 'People get very upset and angry about being disturbed by noise in their homes, it can even affect their health.

Mediation is very successful in helping people to find solutions that are right for them so that they can live in peace. Sometimes people can be wary of





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talking to a mediator thinking that we might judge them, take sides or tell them what to do. We reassure them that the opposite is true and help them to feel confident about working with us.'

Noise Action Week is an annual initiative coordinated by Environmental Protection UK (formerly NSCA), that aims to raise awareness of the problems caused by neighbour noise and the solutions available to tackle it. It provides an opportunity for local authorities, housing providers, mediation services and all those involved in neighbour noise management to raise awareness of the services available and promote practical solutions. <http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/noiseactionweek/>

UNITE have been helping neighbours in the Tees Valley for more than fifteen years. The Noise Action Week events in Middlesbrough and Stockton will allow people to find out more about how mediation could help them. UNITE can also help people with other types of neighbour disputes - come along to find out more or contact the service 01642 311633, www.unite-mediation.org

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