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THE CENTRE FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT

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MEET THE TEAM

Recruitment within SOLVE has seen an all time high from the back end of 2023 to 2024 and demonstrates not only the growth of SOLVE, but the reoccurring demand for the work SOLVE does in aiding the fight against youth violence

SOLVE's CEO, Craig Pinkney, once had a vision of SOLVE branching out in order to combat youth violence from multiple angles with varied expertise and experience and it is safe to say the team Craig has established does just that.



DR. MARTIN GLYNN - ASSOCIATE FACILITATOR

Dr Martin Glynn is an experienced and internationally renowned criminologist, educator, theatre director, and dramatist with over 35 years' experience of working in criminal justice, public health, and educational settings.

As a writer Martin has written for BBC 1's Casualty, had radio drama's produced for BBC Radio 4, written and directed numerous theatre productions, published many poetry books, alongside developing a growing reputation as an author of children's books.



DR. LIZZIE FITZMAURICE - ASSOCIATE FACILITATOR

Dr Fitzmaurice is a Registered Forensic Psychologist, specialising in adolescent mental health and youth violence. She has extensive experience working with challenging young people and is passionate about making positive changes for disadvantaged young people. Lizzie is an advocate for young people, and often works in a consultation and advisory role for organisations and governing bodies designing policies and practices for young people.

As a Principal Forensic Psychologist, Dr Fitzmaurice works as an expert witness in both criminal and family court settings. Lizzie is qualified in a range of therapies, including EMDR and DBT and delivers a range of certified interventions and risk reduction programmes.



FIDEL THOMPSON - ASSOCIATE FACILITATOR

Fidel Thompson is a Mentor, Keynote speaker, Workshop facilitator and the CEO of the Charity 'Breakin Barriers'.

Fidel has years of experience of delivering real life workshops and outreach work due his past decisions that resulted him being paralysed and wheelchair bound from multiple gunshot wounds.

Fidel has over 10 years of experience working with young people who are challenged by the the obstacles of their environment and life.



DANIEL BELGRAVE - ASSOCIATE FACILITATOR

Daniel is a dedicated professional who challenges the traditional landscape of therapy with a unique and integrative approach.

As a registered integrative therapist with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), he brings a rich tapestry of experience, education, and personal perspective to us.

Holding an undergraduate degree in Social Welfare and a master's in Psychotherapy & Counselling, Daniels foundation is both academically solid and practically applied.



LISA BROOKS- ASSOCIATE FACILITATOR

Lisa specialises in crime awareness, using her lived experiences to educate young people about the choices and consequences of criminality and the realities of the criminal justice system.

Lisa has delivered motivational talks in various settings, including schools, police stations, and prisons, with a focus on inspiring positive change within communities.

Her dedication to raising awareness and promoting change remains central to her life's mission.



SEAN MONAGHAN- ASSOCIATE FACILITATOR

Sean has spent many years practising within the sectors of youth work, working heavily in multi-agency settings with criminal justice, social care and health as both frontline practitioner and service manager roles.

Sean's specialisms lie in Contextual Safeguarding and risk management relating to safeguarding against organised and extra-familial harms.



KAREEM- PEER MENTOR

Kareem is a qualified Peer Mentor; qualified in level 1,2,3 and is currently completing a 'Working with gangs and youth violence' course.

He has lived experiences which provide him with an deeper understanding and relatability to young people some of whom may evidence complexities/risky behaviours or be deemed as unreachable.

Kareem is also able to understand and create a safe space whereby young people feel confident enough to be themselves & comfortable to communicate & safe enough to have fun.



SHERINE MENDES- HEAD OF OPERATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Sherine Mendes is a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience in business management. With a track record of running her own successful business for 7 years, Sherine brings a deep understanding of marketing, operations, and customer service to the table

Sherine's multifaceted expertise encompasses not only strategic marketing and efficient operational management but also an unwavering commitment to ensuring the highest levels of customer satisfaction. She is passionate about leveraging her knowledge to drive Solve towards growth and excellence.



CHARLENE MCCALLA- MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

Charlene is a distinguished professional with a rich background in Anti-Financial Crime, boasting extensive experience in key areas such as Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Human Trafficking, and various other Financial Crime Typologies.

In her current capacity as a Management Assistant at SOLVE, Charlene plays a vital role in supporting and enhancing operational processes. Her responsibilities encompass a wide range of activities designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation's operations. Her ability to apply her knowledge and experience in a practical, operational context significantly benefits SOLVE's mission and operational goals.



ROBERT WALSH-LAWRENCE - HEAD OF MEDIA

Robert Walsh-Lawrence is a Visual Media Specialist who is experienced in Photography and Videography.

With over 10 years of experience in the industry he has created content for platforms such as BBC, Microsoft, Grenade, YouTube, Stonegate Pubs & much more.

Rob has worked all over the world creating films, documentaries, music videos and modelling photoshoots.

GET TO KNOW SOLVE'S CEO CRAIG

Craig Pinkney is a nationally and internationally recognised Criminologist, Urban Youth Specialist, and esteemed CEO of several organisations, including SOLVE: The Centre for Youth Violence and Conflict and SOLVE Housing, a provider of Ofsted-Registered Children's Homes based in the West Midlands.

With over two decades of hands-on experience, Craig has carved out a reputation as one of the country's leading experts in tackling youth violence, gang-related issues, and social conflict.



Craig's academic credentials;

- BA (Hons) in Youth & Community Development (JNC),
- Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning,
- Postgraduate Certificate in Research,
- Master's Degree in Criminology,
- Underway: PhD in Social Sciences.

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Craig provides both strategic leadership and operational guidance. He remains committed to the organisation's mission to mitigate youth violence and conflict. His dynamic and engaging approach includes the delivery of impactful workshops, specialised training sessions, and consultancy services to high-profile institutions and governmental bodies.

Craig's research specialises in Urban Street Gangs, Youth Violence, Social Media, and Critical Race Theory. His influence in shaping policies and conceiving innovative strategies has been acknowledged via multiple awards, recognising his dedication and impact in these fields.

Organisations Craig has collaborated with:



MINISTRY
OF JUSTICE,
JAMAICA



SOLVE'S 4TH BIRTHDAY

SOLVE celebrated it's 4th Birthday in January 2024!

As an organisation born during the Covid19 Pandemic as a result of a challenging time period and a dream, this milestone is definitely one to be celebrated and SOLVE's Head of Operations and Engagement, Sherine Mendes, definitely ensured this was to be a celebration to remember.



PREMIER LEAGUE LOW-DOWN

Craig and Daniel have had a busy January providing LifeSkills training and Safeguarding workshops down at premier league teams Chelsea, West Ham and Tottenham Hotspurs.

The LifeSkills Training Programme, as part of the Premier League Training Proposal, is designed for all academy players, professionals, and parents across the Premier League. It encompasses workshops for young people, parents, and professionals, focusing on critical issues like gang influence, criminal exploitation, and anti-racist practices. Available in various formats including online and face to-face, the programme aims to educate and guide participants in making positive decisions and understanding societal challenges.

Our Safeguarding interactive session aims to inspire players and staff to critically reflect on their attitudes and behaviours towards women. It highlights their pivotal role as role models in nurturing healthier relationships and teaches them how to safeguard young people in diverse environments. The objective is to encourage positive change and responsible behaviour in their influential positions.

