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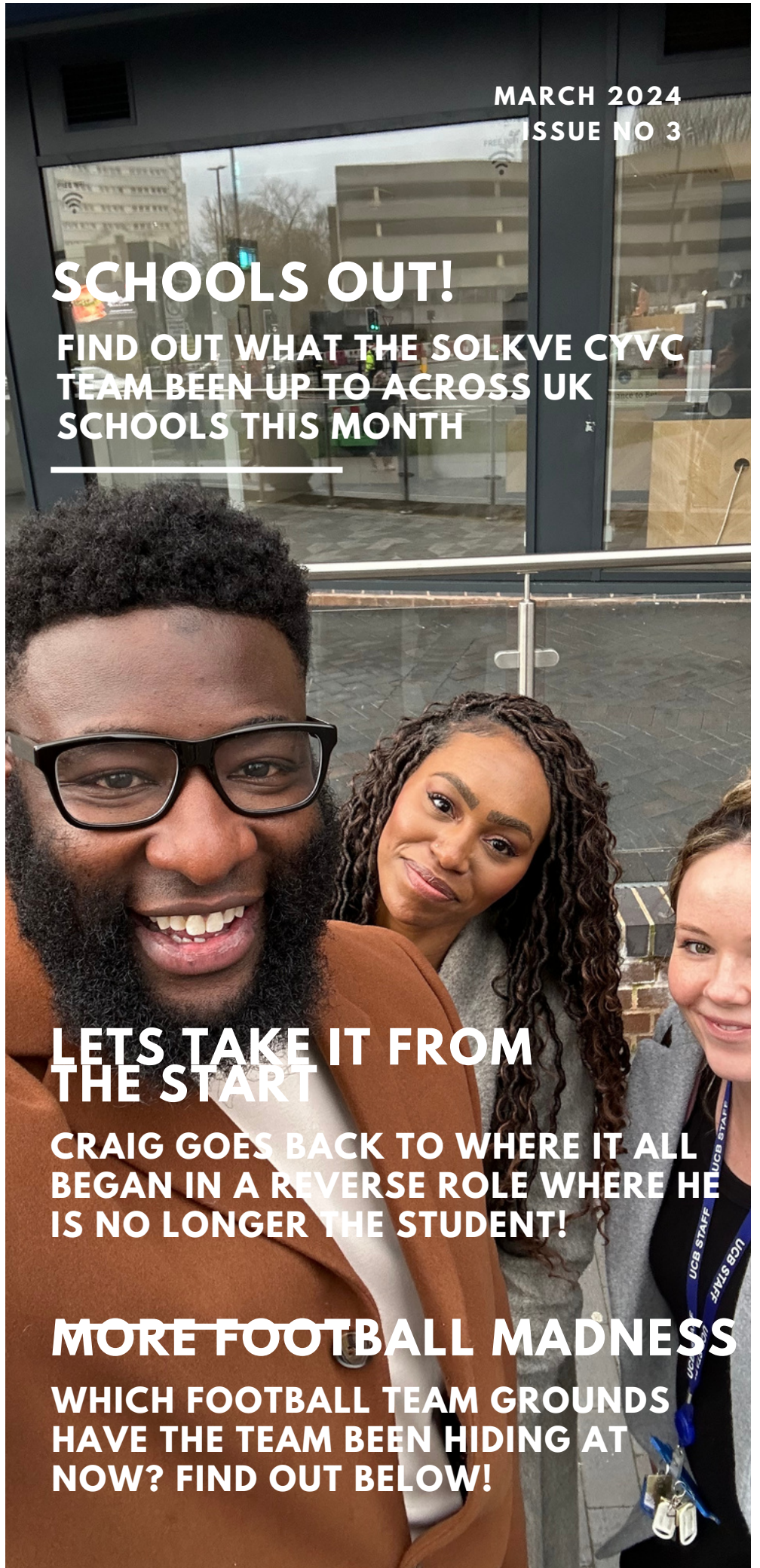
FIND OUT WHAT THE SOLKVE CYVC TEAM BEEN UP TO ACROSS UK SCHOOLS THIS MONTH

LETS TAKE IT FROM THE START

CRAIG GOES BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN IN A REVERSE ROLE WHERE HE IS NO LONGER THE STUDENT!

MORE FOOTBALL MADNESS

WHICH FOOTBALL TEAM GROUNDS HAVE THE TEAM BEEN HIDING AT NOW? FIND OUT BELOW!



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NEW TEAM MEMBERS ALERT!

Welcome



HENNA BANGER FEMALE INTERVENTION WORKER

Henna is our esteemed female Intervention Worker based within the AP Taskforce team.

Henna is a Mental Health Specialist with a Master's degree in Mental Health Interdisciplinary. Her academic and professional journey is deeply rooted in exploring the connections between trauma, mental health issues, and their outcomes in both youths and adults.

NIAMH BOYLE PEER MENTOR

Niamh is a second year criminology student deeply invested in understanding and combating the exploitation of at-risk youth, with a specific focus on the criminal exploitation of young girls. Her academic endeavours aim to shed light on this critical issue, striving to find effective interventions and support systems. Niamh is passionate about making a real difference in the lives of vulnerable children through both working in the field and academic studies.



DISCUSSING CHOICES & LIFESKILLS

WITH NOTTINGHAM FOREST F.C. & SHEFFIELD UTD F.C.

Craig has spent a large proportion of this month with the U13-18 academy lads at Nottingham Forest F.C. and Sheffield United F.C. running SOLVE's "Choices" and "Lifeskills" programmes.

The workshop aims to deepen understanding of gang, knife, and gun crime impacts, covering consequences, prevention, and personal responsibility. It focuses on empowering participants to help reduce violence through community engagement and positive actions.

Thanks to both the NFFC and SUFC for making this happen. All the best for the rest of the season!



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME SUCESS

HOSTED BY DR
LIZZIE FITZMAURICE
& CRAIG PINKNEY

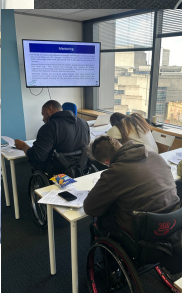
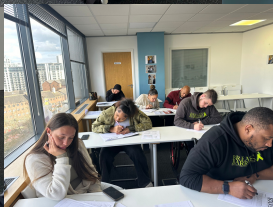
March saw the launch of SOLVE's transformative 2-day Level 3 accredited course which has been meticulously curated to empower professionals working closely with youth and communities impacted by violence and crime. With insights from esteemed facilitators, this course aimed to equip the attendees with comprehensive knowledge, tools, and reflective practices to effectively support young people and their families.

Day 1 saw the delivery of SOLVE's "Responding to Youth Violence Through Youth Work" course facilitated by Craig.

This session helped the attendees to understand how to apply youth work theories, models, and approaches in a range of settings, and will understand the implications of current policies and practices when supporting young people involved in criminality and living in environments where crime and violence are commonplace.

Day 2 was the turn of Dr. Lizzie to educate the attendees on the "Therapeutic Approaches to Working with Children and Young People". This session helped the attendees understand the therapeutic nature of their own role and the current challenges facing the caring professions seeking to provide services for young people associated with gangs and youth violence.

Overall, SOLVE's two day training event was a success and there was amazing feedback received from the group who attended!



EVERYDAY IS A SCHOOL DAY

OSCOTT ACADEMY



March saw the SOLVE Team at Oscott Academy delivering our transformative “Alternative Routes” workshop. Facilitated by our Peer Mentor Kareem White and Craig Pinkney, the session was a profound journey of reflection and growth for the young attendees.

Kareem shared his personal story of overcoming challenges and transitioning into a youth work practitioner, covering essential topics such as mindset, mental health, wellbeing, conflict resolution, and peer pressure. The session was emotive and impactful, with excellent feedback from participants.

A massive shoutout to Mr Dance and the Oscott staff team for their warm welcome each year!

WOODFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

March also saw the SOLVE Team at Woodfield Primary School delivering our thought provoking “Choices” workshop. Facilitated by our Associate Facilitator Fidel Thompson and Craig Pinkney, the workshop challenged the young attendees to consider before they act.

Much love to the team at Woodfield Primary School for their warm and hope to be back soon!



BACK TO WHERE IT BEGAN

This month our CEO Craig Pinkney went back to his old stomping ground at UCB to deliver a lecture on understanding gangs and serious youth violence. It's crucial for professionals to stay ahead of the curve with all that's happening in the city, ensuring their practice remains reflective and reflexive.

Returning to UCB after 4 years since leaving his role as a lecturer to start SOLVE was a surreal experience for Craig.

Big thank you to Natalie, Jacqui, and the safeguarding team for working hard behind the scenes to make this happen. Much love!



SOLVE IN ASSOCIATION WITH VRU BRISTOL



In partnership with the Violent Reduction Unit in Bristol, the SOLVE team has continued to make their mark across the city, delivering our 'Alternative Routes' programme facilitated by Fidel Thompson and our CEO Craig Pinkney .

Our 'AR' programme, which runs in schools from primary to secondary, aims to do three things: 1) raise awareness of issues that impact young people, 2) build resilience by providing young people with practical strategies, and 3) offer culturally sensitive therapy for those in need.

If your school hasn't opted for our 'Alternative Routes' programme as part of our 360 approach, get in touch.



UPCOMING TRAINING & EVENTS

Here at SOLVE, we are committed to young people and one way we do this is through our training and events.

Our various training sessions are provided through a mix of face to face sessions and Webinars and aimed at anyone wanting to learn more about and make a difference in the lives of young people.

See below for information on our current training sessions. Please also see our website for more information on all of our upcoming training sessions and links to book!

MURDER MEDIA

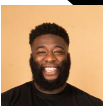


This seminar aims to enable professionals to gain insights and take part in a thought provoking discussion on the role of social media, youth violence and its links to nihilism and narcissism, as well as having the opportunity to raise their own concerns related to their personal/professional practice.



Mon, 20 May 2024 13:00
- 15:00 GMT

MOVING BEYOND GANGS AND CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

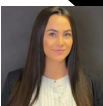


This webinar is specially designed for professionals in Criminal Justice, Education, Social Care, Youth & Community sectors, and Sports. It's a deep dive into the complex world of gangs and criminal exploitation, with a particular focus on children and young people. Training aims to equip attendees with insights and practical skills necessary for supporting youth desistance from these environments.



Mon, 20 May 2024 10:00
- 12:00 / 18:00 - 20:00
GMT

THERAPUTIC APPROACHES TO WORKING WITH COMPLEX YOUNG PEOPLE



This 2-hour online course aims to give delegates practical skills that can be used to support young people who present with complex/challenging/high risk behaviours.



Wed, 10 April 2024 10:00 -
12:00 / 18:00 - 20:00 GMT

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE SUICIDAL AND SELF HARM



This 2-hour online course aims to support delegates with understanding why young people engage in self-harm and suicidal behaviours and develop practical solutions to providing support.



Wed, 10 April 2024 10:00 -
12:00 / 18:00 - 20:00 GMT

Help Us...Help you

Get involved with SOLVE

Here's how you can help us to address the causes of violence and conflict surrounding young people. Support our critical work in educating, equipping and empowering OUR Youth



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