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# SOLVE

THE CENTRE FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT

**A Directory for  
Parents and  
Professionals  
Supporting  
Young People  
and Families  
In the West  
Midlands.**



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# Introduction

## Who we are

**Solve:** The Centre for Youth Violence and Conflict aims too critically address causes of violence and conflict through Research, Training, Workshops, Consultancy, Advocacy and Street Based Youth Work.

Based on our extensive research, in order to solve some of the issues that young people face in society today we must start to address the social and structural factors that create anti-social behaviour, violence and criminal activity, such as;

- Poverty
- Deprivation
- Poor education
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- High Unemployment
- Lack of resources
- Poor housing conditions
- Racism
- Fear
- Reactive interventions
- Staff competencies
- Limited police presence within communities
- Damaged relations between police and community
- Poor leadership
- Dysfunctional families

We believe that we must work in partnership with other organisations across the West Midlands as we know that collaborative work is key in order to make a difference to the lives of young people and families in the area.

# Rationale

In recent times, there has been a dramatic increase in anti-social, violent and criminal behaviour in the West Midlands. As a result we felt that parents and key stake holders in the community needed a resource that they could use in order to seek advice, guidance and support to help their children and young people.

We also know that in order to provide young people with the best possible outcomes, we must not only work with them individually, but we must also work with their families and with other professionals that they are in contact with in order to;

- 1) address the root cause's of any deviant behaviour
- 2) minimise the behaviour and
- 3) support young people to maximise their full potential

Over the past 18 months we have worked with a range of different organisations in the West Midlands, that we know are doing good work and are able to provide the support our young people need.

We believe the organisations and centres featured in this booklet not only have the professional knowledge and experience needed to provide the support that they do, but we also know that they share our ethos in wanting to make a significant and positive change in the lives of young people in the Midlands.

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**Craig Pinkney**  
**CEO/Founder**

Craig Pinkney is a Criminologist, Urban Youth Specialist, Lecturer and PhD Researcher. Craig has over 18 years of experience as an outreach worker, transformational speaker, international gang exit strategist, mediator, mentor and filmmaker. He is well known for working with some of countries most challenging young people, potentially high-risk offenders, victims of gang violence and youth who are deemed most hard to reach.

## Our services

At SOLVE we provide research and evaluation services to a wide range of clients in the UK and internationally. Our aim is to help create research that is solution based, to assist decision makers and frontline professionals. We are experienced in a range of research methods to provide answers to difficult questions.

Ultimately our aim is to help bridge the gap between academic research and practice wherever youth violence and conflict is a point of concern.

At SOLVE we pride ourselves on delivering a high-quality learning experience, be it within our specially selected venues across the UK, online, or within your own office space.

Through our experience of working with clients across a range of sectors such as criminal justice, education, social care, health, sport and the voluntary sector, we understand how training works and have the know-how to design and deliver programmes that really make a difference.

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# ACT CIC

We are a Community Interest Company (CIC) that puts children and young people at the centre of what we do; working with schools, parents, government agencies and other stakeholders to support young people helping them to overcome both the internal and external barriers that can prevent them from fulfilling their potential.

## Our services

ACT enables young people to connect, become empowered and develop the resilience they need to find their place in the world, and positively contribute to their communities.

### Our Programmes and Services:

- Behaviour Intervention Services
- Critical Wrap-Around Support (Bespoke Pupil and Family Support)
- ACTYVE (Youth Violence Education and Prevention Programmes)
- Social Emotional Learning programmes
- PSHE Solutions
- Leadership Programmes
- Employability Programmes
- Enterprise Programmes
- CPD Staff Training
- Impact Measurement Reports

ACT also offers the OCN Level 3 Certificate or award in Working with Gangs and Youth Violence.



**Teswal White**  
CEO

Established in 2012 by Youth Development Practitioner, Researcher and Social Entrepreneur, Teswal White, ACT specialises in working with marginalised and disadvantaged young people aged 10 to 19. Helping to facilitate the personal, social & emotional development of young people.,

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# Angels Without Wings Ltd

We offer training, Supervision and Therapy Services.

Specialist in: Creative and Drama Psychotherapy Therapy from an African Psychological perspective. Specialist in the dis-ease related to the disease of racism on the psyche of Africans and Caribbeans of the diaspora.

## Our services

### What we offer:

Therapy from a strength based perspective, Supervision, Training in African Centred Psychotherapy, Training in Emotion Coaching for professionals, Bespoke workshops.

### Who we work with:

All members of the community but in particular those who are of African of African Caribbean decent.

### Therapy Service:

online and face to face.

### Supervision Service:

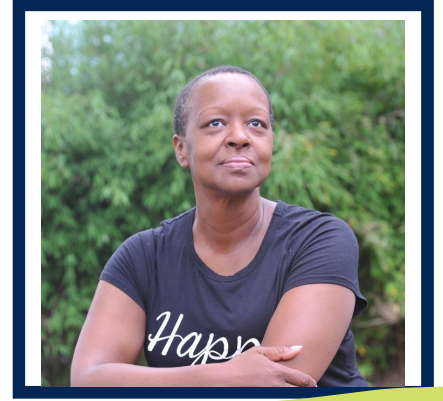
online and face to face.

### Training Service:

Online and face to face.

### Consultancy: Online

Emotional Healing Circles for men and women throughout the week. These events are Free - please check website for further information. (These Healing Circles are in response to the pandemic of racism)



**Clancy Williams**  
Director

Clancy Williams, Director of Angel-without-Wings, is a highly sought after qualified Drama Psychotherapist with an adaptable style of thought leadership. Recognised as a highly skilled individual in her field, she works locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Clancy is passionate about social justice, women and children's rights and the effects of trauma on the psyche of individuals, families and amongst generations. She works independently and collectively to create holistic training packages which eventually leads to paradigm shifts in thinking, feeling, behaviours, and ultimately healing.,

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# Aston 614 Samaritans Youth Service

Aston 614 has served young people and their families in the community since 2006. We're a Salvation Army Youth Centre based in Aston, and run a range of activities, programmes and services, including afterschool drop-ins, mentoring, sports, and Arts Award qualifications in music production, comic book creation, animation and more!

## Our services

**Arts Awards:** We run a range of nationally accredited qualifications under the Arts Award. Artforms we cover include Music Production, Digital Illustration, Graphic Design, Video Editing, Animation and Photography! We cover all of the Arts Award levels from Discover all the way up to Gold!

**After School Drop-in:** During school term time, every Monday and Wednesday 3:30pm - 5:30pm, come and hang out after school! Activities include videogames (PS4 & XboxOne), access to iMacs, Music Production, Pool, Table Football, Real Football(!), Arts & Crafts, Active Games, a Tuck Shop and so much more!

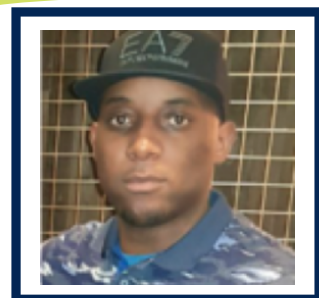
**Sports4Kids:** comes every Tuesday (during school term time) 4pm - 5:30pm to do some Football coaching. Every other Tuesday however they bring the big guns and we have an all out Nerf Tournament!

**Cell Group:** Every Monday at 6pm we meet up, eat food, and discuss all things God, Faith, and Life related. For 14+

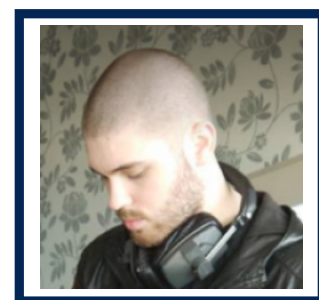
**Messy Church:** Every last Monday of the month (during school term time), we run our monthly Messy Church 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Lots of activities including Arts & Crafts, Active Games and, of course, lots of food!



**Corinne Seabridge**  
Centre Manager



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# Avision

We are a Community Interest Company and the driving force for the empowerment and development of people to achieve personal and professional success.

Our courses and workshops inspire people to achieve employment, self employment or to further their education and careers.

## Our services

We are a dedicated and friendly team, based within the West Midlands, who passionately care about helping people to create a better future for themselves.

Our belief is that everyone has the ability to realise their ambitions regardless of their past.

It all begins with the question – **What's your vision?** From achieving your dream career, launching a start-up business, to taking that first nerve wracking step back in to education. AVision will equip you with the belief, skills and tools necessary to making your ambitions achievable.

### AVision of Your Own

When you believe in yourself there's nothing you can't achieve

Do you have a vision in mind? We can help you get there. An AVision experience is an empowering journey of self discovery tailored just for you.

We understand that everyone has their own individual dreams. That's why we tailor each workshop to meet your personal needs using different learning styles and techniques.

An AVision experience will help you to:

- Develop your confidence and self-belief.
- Discover your passion and purpose in life.
- Identify and overcome what's holding you back.
- Create a personal vision.
- Set achievable goals.
- Achieve your ambitions and live your dreams.



**Avril Grant**  
**Founder & CEO**

Avril had a vision. That vision was simple. To ignite self-belief in people and enable them to lead the happy and fulfilling lives they'd always dreamt of. She believed that anyone, given the right tools and support, could discover their passion and turn it in to a rewarding career. So in 2010, Avril left behind a successful career in accounting to launch AVision. She personally created and delivered a series of inspiring workshops designed to empower people to discover and achieve their goals.

Having achieved success in the community, Avril went on to spread the word to local prisons, employment agencies and schools.

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# Awake Birmingham

Awake Birmingham was co-founded by two former social workers with over 30 years experience in safeguarding, education welfare, learning disabilities, Youth Offending and family support. We are also assisted by a paralegal who is the newest member of our team. Together we hold regular Educational Consultancy appointments and support families to resolve issues within schools.

## Our services

We work closely with a firm of solicitors who regularly provides preliminary legal advice at our Education Consultancy appointments. We also liaise with counsellors, mentors and support groups in the community who also work with families to help students develop and thrive.

Our aim is to provide parents, students and schools with preventative and early help strategies to enable students to remain in full time education and continue to be an asset in the community. We hope that this will help safeguard our youths in our society, reduce the amount of referrals to Pupil Referral Units (PRUs), reduce the risk of young people becoming disengaged, involved in anti-social behaviour or criminal activity.

The organisation began as an endeavour to provide support to the most vulnerable and unheard members of the community, who do not have any access to support when educational difficulties arise. There has been overwhelming demand for our service across West Midlands.



**Jalika Cindy Tucker and Shennice**

### Contact Us

We hold initial education consultancy appointments\* on the first and third Saturday of every month! This takes place between 10:00-13:00 at the Afro Caribbean Millennium Centre, 339 Dudley Road, Birmingham, B18 4HB. Following the initial consultation a plan will be devised and further meetings and referrals may be arranged with the school and other relevant third party organisations such as mentors and family support workers.

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# Birmingham Says No

Birmingham Says No To Knife Crime and Youth Violence, Set up in Oct 2019 our main focus is in empowering young people of Birmingham and the west midlands – we are their Voice.

## Our services

We mainly put on free events for young people which also includes workshops on topics as county lines, grooming, Child exploitation, drugs, gang culture.

We will work together to reduce knife crime and all elements of youth violence. We want to empower our young people by presenting them with opportunities and options as an alternative to 'street life'.

Our vision is to initiate social change in Birmingham by reducing the number of young people carrying knives and/or involved in knife crime and youth violence. We will do this by aiding young people in their attempts to secure education, training and employment and by ultimately offering mentors and a safe haven for young people seeking advice and guidance.



### Rachel Warren and Dee Kelly Founders

Rachel is an educational professional with over 12 years teaching experience in the inner city, which includes comprehensive safeguarding experience.

She has also completed her Level 3 qualification in Gangs and Youth Violence, and has experience of working with both victims and perpetrators of knife crime and serious youth violence.

Dee was one of the stars of the Channel 4 documentary 'Benefits street' which aired in 2014. Since then she has used the many doors that have opened up to her to fight for cause's that she is passionate about. These range from homelessness to mental health and most recently, due to the fears she has as a mum of a teenager herself, she has made fighting knife crime her mission.

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# Blesst



## Richard Campbell, Dr Martin Glynn and Casey Gordon

Richard has a MA in Youth & Community, and is a guest lecturer at Newman University. He has worked as a support worker for young people for over 12 years supporting those with mental, behavioural and learning difficulties.

Dr Glynn has 40 years' experience specialising in research, lecturing, education criminology, crime, media, culture, youth crime, race and crime, race and ethnicity, scriptwriting, performance poetry, creative writing, creating and producing ethnodrama, academic mentoring, leadership and motivating change and staff training.

Casey has over 14 years' extensive experience in working with young people, adolescents and families in social care assessment teams. He has worked in behavior management offering therapeutic intervention to the public, educational and private sector for young people at risk of exclusion and young offenders on the verge of offending.

## Our services

### BLESST Community Student Mentor/Coach Learners

gives marginalised community students outside support and an opportunity to have a graduate community student mentor or coach.

Community Research & Consultancy Research, Evaluations, Consultancy, Training and Workshops delivered by BLESST own research & Consultancy Director, Dr Martin Glynn and Richard Campbell.

### Creative writing in the mic booth

a youth therapeutic music program in BLESST audio recording studio that allows young people to have a voice and encourages young people to develop an inner compass to discover their own creativity, self-motivation, and emotional intelligence needed for learning and living.

### Shot with Confidence

a film course, delivered over four, eight or twelve weeks, for participants with a love or interest in film. We firmly believe that everyone is living their own story.

Blesst has a Media Green Rooms, Digital Audio Recording Studios and Mic Booth on the top floor on the ground floor we have access to a dance studio and Blue-dot online radio station please contact BLESST for more information.

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# Bouncing Statistics

Bouncing Statistics is a local community interest company based in Birmingham that exists to support and develop young people aged 9-25 in Birmingham to 'bounce statistics' and achieve greatness despite any adversities, stereotypes or barriers they have to overcome.

## Our services

Bouncing Statistics provides young people with the skills and experiences which are vital for everyday life and for pursuit of their goals and targets.

### Growth Mindset Workshop

This programme is geared towards years 4,5 and 6. with the outcome of shifting mindsets to improve classroom focus. This in turn raises a pupil's readiness to learn and is an effective tool to use alongside your school curriculum.

### Youth Mentoring.

Our youth mentorship programme is a free service we offer to young people aged 9 - 23 in challenging circumstances who require additional guidance and support. Our schemes are individually tailored and created to meet the needs of each and every persons needs.

### Community Events

Bouncing Statistics are committed to serving within our local communities so it is important to bring our services and events to the places it is needed most.

We are highly experienced in hosting educational workshops, motivational seminars, music and entertainment events.

For further information please get in touch.



Rackeem Reid, Ryan Blackwood  
and Grayson Ellis.  
DIRECTORS

Bouncing Statistics was formed in 2019 by our three Directors, Rackeem Reid, Ryan Blackwood and Grayson Ellis. After growing up in inner-city areas within Birmingham the three inspired males wanted to pursue the opportunity of creating a company that can have a lasting effect in the local communities around them. The team is now made up of eight members and projects are in the pipeline with schools, community centres, and other charities and organisations.

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# Bringing Hope

Bringing Hope is a charity based in Birmingham UK that works in prisons and the community with those involved in serious violence and crime.

Families are at the heart of all we do. When we are in contact with someone in need of a second chance, we work with the other significant people in that person's life.

## Our services

Some of the individuals we work with have been categorised : 'hard-to-reach', 'problematic' and 'marginalised'. We provide one-to-one pastoral care, family therapy, group work, mentoring and peer support to help develop the hearts and minds of those who need hope most.

### Family Support

We operate with the highest level of confidentiality and integrity, so relationships between our client groups their families and Bringing Hope can be developed sustained and maintained.

### Family Mediation

Pastoral support for families as and when requested, during critical incidents associated with crime and serious violence.

Group Work or one2one sessions

Family Therapy Interventions

Prison Programme

Resettlement Support Programme for Young Adults (18-30yrs} called 'Inside Out'

The Damascus Road 'Second Chance' Support for individuals and their families (18-45yrs +)



**Rev. Dr Carver Anderson &  
Rev. Robin Thompson  
Founders**

For more information about our founders, please visit the following section on our website.

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**BRINGING HOPE**

# Emerge Leadership



**Errol Lawson**  
**Founder**

Errol Lawson's straight-from-the-heart, passion and high-energy, motivates audiences to step beyond their limitations and into their greatness in many ways. In 2014 Errol Lawson was awarded a coveted "Local Hero" award for his contribution made to the lives of people within the UK by the Association of Jamaican nationals. (AJN). In October 2015 Errol was awarded "Young male entrepreneur of the year" by BEX Live. In 2016 he was a finalist in the Birmingham Young Professional of the Year competition also known as BYPY. IN 2017 he was a finalist in the Natwest Great British Entrepreneur Awards and featured in the Birmingham Post Power 250, a list of the regions most influential leaders.

## Our services

### From The Postcode To The Globe

The mentoring programme is one that Emerge have been successfully delivering around the UK since 2010. Young people will have the opportunity build their confidence and get encouragement and guidance as they navigate through the uncertainty and many challenges presented by COVID in the last few months. They will cover topics such as self confidence, resilience, relationships and much more.

### Education Enrichment Programs

#### Schools, Colleges, Universities, FE & HE

We only know too well the challenges that educators face in today's learning environment. The enhanced reporting, increasing standards, the pressure to keep performing under the ever watchful eye from ofstead. We can help. We have the experience to be able to make a difference, increase enrichment, stay above national benchmarks and show evidence of what work has been done.

### Leadership Team Development

#### Corporate Businesses & SMEs

In times like this it's crucial that leaders engage their teams, keep them engaged and provide them with a sense of hope. Our online workshops and motivational webinars provide the support that you're looking for. Uplifting, interactive and engaging. Contact us today to discuss how we can provide a bespoke solution for your organisation.

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# Empire Coaching and Empire Accommodation Limited

Empire Coaching, alongside our parent company Empire Accommodations purpose is to ensure we create an environment which has a warm sense and comfort of a family home and tailored mentoring packages to enable us to implement and deliver our supportive models, frameworks, mentoring and constructive interventions to young people and residents aged 16-24. ( Semi Independent Living Accommodation for CIC and Social housing)

## Our services

Empire's services will be carried out to empower, guide, benefit, and open key doors for all young residents, to achieve a brighter and secure future. Our aim is to work with young people and residents within the community, Academies, Youth Offending Services, and the West Midlands Police. Our clientele and referrals vary from Juvenile Justice, Child Protection, Mental Health, High Risk, Young Women, Vocational Development, County-lines, Grooming, Lack of self-esteem, Lack of Confidence any more areas.

Empire Coaching and Empire Accommodation base our ethos and statement of purpose upon ensuring every young person and resident has the full opportunity, potential and platform to draw and excel their skill sets to the best of their abilities. Our services are used to identify and create various programmes and relationships, which aims are to build on the skills and well-being of young people / residents by opening positive doors to achieve goals through the implementation of our team who are skilled, have clear knowledge of our and the local authority services, mentoring and experience of being within their shoes.

We offer a free service of advice and guidance.



### Empire Coaching's Directors Muriyam Tariq & Tesfa Robinson

### Empire Accommodation's Directors Muriyam Tariq & Ben Robinson

Muriyam has been working in education and training for over 12 years. Her inspiration for the business is "to be the adults that we needed when we were children and young people."

Tesfa's professional background as a lead mentor in the youth offending service has led to him venturing into the creation of positive intervention models that are used in the mentoring service they provide.

Ben's personal struggles growing up with ADHD have given him a strong sense of empathy dealing with others facing challenges in life.

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# First Class Foundation

We invite you to learn about the fantastic work we have started in the city to tackle youth violence and build mental health resilience.

We are proud to help to connect young people aged 13-25 to their purpose by introducing them to new opportunities.

## Our services

### Dear Youngers:

Our mental health and resilience programme is a very innovative, therapeutic, solution-based programme, engaging, young African Caribbean males around wellbeing and mental health resilience and exploring adverse childhood experiences in a safe environment that is psychologically informed, culturally sensitive, delivered and facilitated by relatable role models.

### Education for Life:

Bridges the gap between the taught curriculum from KS3-4 on every day issues young people face today. We understand that young people must be prepared to face the challenges of the environment they will one day enter.

### Kitchen Table Talks:

Kitchen Table Talks are a platform and service provider for parents, families and young women to talk, gain access to support, advice and encouragement about a broad range of topics close to their heart. We encourage all forms of communication but there is something about talking things out that is special!

### Street Smart 2 Business Start:

We aim to cultivate leadership and business principles that we believe many young people potentially possess. Sometimes, due to lack of mentoring support and advice, they don't know how to translate the skills they may have gained from 'the street' into the world of business and entrepreneurship.



**Nathan Dennis**  
**Founder and Trustee**  
**Sabrina Dennis - CEO**

Nathan uses his years of experience to connect with young people & local communities and helps many companies effectively engage, connect and build lasting relationships with those deemed traditionally hard to reach.

Sabrina is a specialist in community engagement, with skills in Project Management, Business Management, Event Planning and Teaching, Sabrina brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and passion to see young people live their lives on purpose.

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# Legacy Centre of Excellence

We are Europe's largest independent Black-owned business and arts centre. Based in Aston, one of Birmingham's most diverse communities, we are dedicated to championing and enhancing our local and national community.

We exist to offer great cultural, artistic and educational activities that uplift and upskill.

We do this by providing the best in events, workshops and projects that encourage people to come together in a safe curated space, which puts their individual and collective needs at the heart.

Formerly the Drum Arts Centre, the venue was purchased in 2019 by 7E Youth Academy, a Birmingham based Social Enterprise founded by Keith 'Cipher' Shayaam-Smith. Our newly refurbished multi-purpose building has two theatres, café, restaurant, offices, business suite and multimedia suites that are accessible and available to all.



**Legacy**  
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Are you looking for a venue to hold a meeting, special occasion or creative project?  
Legacy Centre of Excellence is available with large & small spaces to hold all types of events & activities.

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**Keith Shayaam-Smith**  
**CEO**

Keith, fondly known as Cipher to many began his career within the entertainment industry almost 3 decades ago and even then he was breaking boundaries. He performed as rap artist Cipher Jewels, a founding member of Moorish Delta, before going into music production and management.

A graduate of Birmingham University, who earned a master's degree from Coventry University, Walsall-born Shayaam-Smith's career history spans property development/management and community engagement, not to mention becoming an author

Leader of the consortium and businessman Keith 'Cipher' Shayaam-Smith said he and his team saw the purchase as "bringing the centre back to the community"

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# M.A.D

The Make A Difference (M.A.D) Birmingham project is a Sport Birmingham open access youth development programme. M.A.D Birmingham works with community partners, residents, parents and schools to provide a sustainable offer that has evolved from open access youth clubs and outreach services, to a tailored sports-driven mentoring programme for young people aged 11-16.

## Our services

The aim of the mentoring programme is to work with young people who face personal and social disadvantage or circumstances that make it difficult for them to cope within formal structures. The referred pupils engage in a 6-week personal development programme that encourages them to reflect on their current and previous behaviours, equip them with life skills to assist their development both within and outside of the school setting and help them to transfer their learning into real life situations. The programme comprises of classroom, scenario-based delivery which is then incorporated within a practical setting using sport and physical activities. Importantly, M.A.D is young person-lead, meaning that activities are informed by the young people and based on their needs and interests.



**Leon Moses**  
**Founder/Director**

Leon is a Youth & Sport Engagement Manager, who co-ordinates the MAD project in Perry Barr. Leon has over 20 years of experience working with young people in such areas as youth offending service, prison service, connexions, mentoring in schools, youth service and Continental Star F.C. Since leaving formal education he has been involved in a number of community projects on a paid and voluntary basis.

The experience of spending most of his teenage years in these deprived areas of Birmingham has motivated him to make a difference and create a positive change for young people by creating the opportunities he was not afforded as a young person.

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For You. By You.

# Mind Our Mentalities

Mind Our Mentalities are a social enterprise that works to support, advise, motivate and inspire young people to be the best versions of themselves.

We truly believe if we can 'Change our minds' we can 'change our world.'

## Our services

### Our work with young people:

- We provide one-to-one mentoring sessions for young people to support them with a range of issues from mental health and behavioural difficulties, to traumatic experiences and a lack of motivation, to improve their current aspirations.
- We work WITH young people to develop resources and services on anything from careers advice and education, to relationships and spirituality.
- We deliver free advice and guidance to young people via our social media networks.

### Our work with parents:

- We provide free advice to parents to help them to better understand and support their children. This is done through our FREE monthly newsletter, our social media platforms and our phone lines.
- We also provide mediation for parents who are struggling to engage with their child.
- We also deliver the Youth Mental Health First Aid course for parents and professionals.

### Our work with professionals:

- We facilitate workshops and assemblies in schools and youth and community centers across Birmingham, that can have a real impact on the young people we work with.
- We have also developed a range of products that can help to promote emotional well-being.
- We are also currently developing a series of resources for schools to use to deliver the PSHE curriculum.



**Nadia Mughal**  
**Founder & Director of Outreach**

Nadia is a youth worker, teacher, parent, mentor, educator, coach and creative, who is able to use her professional knowledge combined with her lived experience of mental health conditions to support young people and families to develop strong, supportive relationships that can enhance their emotional and spiritual well-being.

The majority of her work has been spent engaging with young people in hard to reach communities, breaking down barriers and improving aspirations.

She also works extensively in the education system supporting young people with social, emotional and behavioural differences.

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# P.O.D.S

Protect Our Daughters and Sons (PODS) CIC – We aim to protect all children and young people from all forms of abuse, criminality and exploitation through education, empowerment and encouragement. We provide workshops and mentoring sessions for young people aged 11- 25 along with consultancy and training services.

## Our services

**Pain2Purpose Mentoring** – 1:1 mentoring sessions for young people who have experienced any form of trauma.

**'Your Best Friend' Project** – Co-creating digital resources for young people to respond to friends who may be in abusive or toxic relationships.

### Workshops

- PODS Workshops
- Pain to Purpose Project
- Trauma in the Hood Workshop

### Training and Consultancy

- Engaging marginalised communities
- Cultural informed trauma responses
- Invisible Victims of Abuse
- Guest Lecture - Service Response to Domestic Abuse

### Public Speaking

- Poetry based on lived experiences of domestic abuse
- The Power of Education
- Invisible in Plain Sight
- Motivational talks

### Bespoke Mentoring

- Person centred one to one mentoring
- Mentoring for CSE and Peer-abuse survivors

Look out for details of our new summer program in collaboration with unrulyshellaz.



### Naomi Donald Founder/Director

Naomi Donald is a Domestic Abuse Consultant, Youth and Community worker and Founder of PODS – Protect Our Daughter & Sons cic - educating 11 - 25 year olds about healthy relationships, self-love, and mental wellbeing.

Currently pioneering work on Peer-abuse and Youth Violence, Naomi brings her lived experience coupled with academic rigour to support Local Government, national organisations (including Safelives) and national government policies.

Naomi is recognised as a community leader and youth mentor who brings compassion and insight to support young people in her many roles.

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# Sports Key

Sports Key is a Birmingham based community solutions organisation that utilises Sport, Physical Activity and Culture to improve the health, wellbeing, connectivity, and development of people in the community, In-particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

## Our services

The type of services that we offer are multifaceted and include but are not limited to: physical activities, community integration, intergenerational activities, cultural events, youth development, mentoring, communities of practice and community cohesion programmes.

We currently offer a range of FREE activities for Young people aged 14-19.

- “Community Football” on Sundays 1pm - 3pm
- “Community Netball” on Tuesdays 7pm - 8:30pm
- “Community Badminton” on Wednesdays 8pm – 10pm

Please get in contact for more details.

### Volunteer to Employment Pathway

We want people (particularly young people) from the community aged 16 - 25 to have better chances in life, with better access to training and development where they can enhance their knowledge, skills and employability prospects. Our volunteer programme will allow a cohort of selected beneficiaries, the opportunity to gain skills, coaching qualifications, and practical work experiences. Young people will also be redeployed to external partners and internally within our community programmes and signature events taking on various roles.



**Jeavon Nicely  
and Daniel Allen**

Jeavon and Daniel both contest to the positive impact sport has had on their lives growing up within inner city Birmingham amongst the very same communities they currently engage with. They recognise the impact that sport has, by bringing communities together and changing lives.

As people of ethnicity, growing up in inner-city Birmingham, they have, like countless others, experienced many of the social, systemic, and institutional barriers that still exist to this day!

They aim to use there combined experience spanning over 10 years to help breakdown some of these barriers.

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# The Epiphany People

Supporting families with the emerging challenges of bringing up children in urban communities. By supporting families through the difficult stage of parenting and help aid their child's successful transition to adulthood

## Our services

We offer telephone and face to face support. We understand what families go through and offer support and advice with your child and working with professionals.

The helpline provides much-needed support to families impacted by child criminal exploitation during the Covid-19 lockdown. As families impacted by child criminal exploitation during lockdown are faced with increasing pressures. We work with families to support them over the phone and face to face. To provide a much-needed outlet and a source of support.

By providing this community-led academically informed grassroots service to families, this will improve trust on how to navigate social services and the criminal justice system.

**PEERENT**: (Positive Environment Encourages Restorative Exchanges Nurturing Transition). This bespoke 12 week parent programme looks at the realities of bringing up a Millennial child in the UK and the unique challenges that come with living in areas impacted by serious youth violence and criminal exploitation. This brings to the attention contextual safeguarding parenting approaches.

The aim is to move away from solely punitive responses and to consider restorative parenting approaches, safeguarding, building family resilience and safety as important characteristics for families. Through consultation, many parents have acknowledged that their families are under increasing pressure and are desperate for answers, solutions and support.



**DARREN LAVILLE**  
CEO

Darren is a youth worker and educator who uses his professional knowledge and personal experience to drive forward the mission of The Epiphany People CIC.

In March 2016 he personally felt the impact that serious youth violence can have on families when he lost his own son. Then 6 months later when he lost a young man he cared for, to county lines. This along with the reality of the impact that youth violence and crime are having on many families within the communities he works with and lives in, Darren has made it his personal mission to tackle the problem, and save lives.

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**THE EPIPHANY PEOPLE**  
Know Better, Do Better

# The Black Nursery Manager

The Black Nursery Manager (Training and Consultancy) Ltd - a training & consultancy company which focuses on anti-racist practice within Early Years. The company aim is to promote inclusive practice in the Early Years (under 5's) education sector, with a particular focus on how race, culture and ethnicity should be considered in this practice.

## Our services

**Free Support** by way of 6 x 30 minute mentoring sessions for Black Early Years Practitioners / Early Years Managers.

### Course's

#### How to explore race with children in the Early Years setting.

These particular sessions are pitched at Nursery practitioners of all qualifications, Nursery Managers and YrR and Yr1 Teachers who want to know how to explore the concept of race and culture with children under 5.

#### Inclusion in role play for the under 5's

This 3 part course will ensure that all practitioners are critically engaging and thinking about the racial and cultural inclusivity of the role play spaces in their Early Years provisions. Whether their settings are predominantly or all white or extremely multicultural, the aim of these sessions is to ensure that seemingly 'normalised practices' are reassessed, reflected upon and changed to ensure that anti-racist practice is a thread that runs throughout the infrastructure of play.

#### Black boy joy

This course is suitable for parents, carers and Early Years practitioners and will examine the systemic racism within the U.K. and how it disrupts, disenfranchises, criminalises and marginalises Black boys by the time that they are 5 years old.



**Liz Pemberton**  
**Director**

Liz Pemberton (she/her) is the Director of The Black Nursery Manager Ltd - a training & consultancy firm which focuses on anti-racist practice within the Early Years. With 16 years in the education sector, Liz's roles have included Secondary School Teacher (QTS), public speaker and Nursery Manager. This has enabled her to teach, manage, support and educate Early Years students, practitioners and professionals in a variety of forums.

Liz prides herself on developing multiple teams of extremely committed professionals who had developed specific pedagogy under her tutelage and leadership, providing care within an anti-racist framework.

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# TSA

TSA Sports & Education C.I.C - Supporting the development of today's youth through the medium of sports and education. We are based in Nechells and are working with young people across Birmingham city. We currently have availability for 18 - 25 years olds to join our Street Elite program.

## Our services

At TSA Projects we believe in being the change we want to see. We provide a positive space for young people to communicate safely about potentially dangerous situations, and encourage activities to support their personal development, safety and confidence.

We have an excellent team and strategy and are a few steps ahead when it comes to re-engaging the dis-engaged.

### Our programmes/services:

#### Lead Your Ship

This program promotes prosocial life skills and raises awareness of the consequences of deviant behaviours

#### Triple E Motion

Emotions focused program helps to assimilate; self leadership, resilience and the dynamics of conflict

#### Prevention is better than Cure

1 hour motivational workshop for young people.

#### Young People Support Room

Creates a safe space for young people to discuss issues that concerns them.



### Tanayah Sam Director of Operations

Tanayah Sam is an entrepreneur, author and urban youth specialist who has a broad, multi-perspective experience of the British Criminal Justice system.

Tanayah is a former member of one of Birmingham's most notorious gangs and a reformed offender. Upon his release from prison, Tanayah dedicated the remainder of his life to helping as many people as possible who are on the cusp of, or directly involved in Gang Labelled Offending, to turn their lives around.

As a result of his tireless work, Tanayah has presented to over 20,000 people to pursue positive, constructive lifestyles in secondary education, employment, training, or further education.

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## We Think

We are a community organisation who deliver training, consultancy and frontline youth work. We celebrate collaborative working and believe that through the development and sharing of good and best practice, we can realise better outcomes for children and young people.

## Our services

WeThink is an organisation for anybody interested in Youth Work practice, pastoral care and parenting techniques as well as offering direct work with young people themselves. WeThink aims to build on the skillsets of others, to further equip them with the tools needed to be as relevant in young people's lives as possible. We aim to peel back the curtain and take a strategic look into where we can create spaces for young people to grow and mature. We will create pathways outside of existing systems to encourage and train youth practitioners, in order for them to deliver the best service possible. Most importantly, we aim to give spaces to the voiceless and allow our young people to take control of their lives and the narratives that surround them. As both the founder and CEO of WeThink, I will be going out into communities to collaborate with and support other organisations. While WeThink will be a Think Tank working towards brighter and more diverse futures for our young people and the practitioners that engage them, we recognise the need for communal thinking. The sharing of best practice with other institutions of growth is essential. Our mantra clearly states that we wholeheartedly believe in 'The village approach'; we put to you that we cannot be as useful to those that need us if we fail to understand that we can learn from the work of others and in doing so create better outcomes.



**Matthew Popo**  
**Founder**

Having both the ability and opportunity to positively impact the lives of tomorrow's world is a gift and a responsibility that Matthew has undertaken for the past eleven years. Both professionally and on a voluntary basis, Matthew titles himself as a 'Youth Engagement, Pastoral and Behaviour Specialist'

Matthew first realised his passion for Youth Work while completing his undergraduate degree in Criminology. To date, his professional career has been primarily focused on pastoral leadership within community, education and the social care setting. Matthew has worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for young people as it is his firm belief that all young people deserve to have somebody to teach, support and elevate them.

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**WE THINK**  
THE VILLAGE APPROACH



**Over the next few pages you will find details of some of the Youth centres in the West Midlands that are run by Birmingham Youth Service.**

**This list does not include ALL centres' in the area as there are many, but we have included some of the main centres' that we have worked with.**

**If you would like more information regarding other centres or provision in your area, please visit the youth service website.**

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## Concorde Youth Centre

Concord Youth Centre is a purpose built youth provision for Young People.

They provide many activities for centre based youth sessions, like pool tables, arts and craft, board games, games consoles, education workshops, advice and guidance and sports activities.

They also engage with local young people through the detached youth service they provide.

## ER Mason Youth Centre

E.R Mason Youth Centre is based in the Attwood Green area of Birmingham (formerly known as Lee Bank) in the heart of the city centre. We are one of the biggest youth centres in Birmingham welcoming young people aged 11-19 years-old, up to 25 years old for young people with disabilities.

Since the clubs formation many things have changed, but the Club's dedication to providing young people with a safe place to spend their spare time remains at the heart of what we do. Each week, the centre delivers a wide variety of programmes to local young people.

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## The Lighthouse Young People's Centre

The Lighthouse Young People's Centre  
Largest youth centre in Birmingham for  
young people aged 11 – 19, providing  
diversionary activities, education  
workshops, advice and guidance, sports,  
employability. Specialist in music  
production, basketball and street based  
youth work. Youth Activities, Sports, music  
and video production, basketball, fitness,  
education workshops, careers advice,  
employability support, dance,

Venue available for hire to community  
organisations in need of a space to run  
activities and events.

## Maypole Centre

Providing Sexual Health Services,  
Employment Mentoring, Boys Group, Girls  
Group, Trips , Drop In & Youth Clubs

Venue available for hire to community  
organisations in need of a space to run  
activities and events.

**For more information about current  
activities, please contact the centre  
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## Naesby Centre

We work with young people aged 13-19 in and around the Alum Rock/Washwood Heath area.

Venue available for hire to community organisations in need of a space to run activities and events.

**For more information about current activities, please contact the centre directly.**

## Oaklands Young People's Centre

The Centre was established in the 70's and has been running since and is now a purpose Youth facility as part of Birmingham Youth Service.

As well as working with Young People, we also offer extended support to their families, particularly those in poverty. We're currently working towards fundraising for some of our most vulnerable young people.

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## Summerfield Community Centre

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Summerfield Community Sports Centre boasts a variety of facilities which can be hired as a one off for events or as a regular block booking. With showers, parking and changing rooms this is the perfect location for sporting fixtures, parties or other occasions.

#### Facilities

- Car parking
- Changing rooms
- Dance studio
- Wheelchair access
- Meeting rooms
- Main function hall
- Various sports Pitches

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## The Factory

The Factory is a modern, state of the art youth provision, located in Longbridge, South Birmingham and is part of the Birmingham City Council Youth Service.

The Centre provides a multitude of activities and opportunities for young people (aged 10-25), from weekly youth club programmes and events to a range of services and support that young people may require. The Factory prides itself on being a welcoming and friendly safe place to come, try out new opportunities, meet and make new friends, and have a great time.

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# SOLVE

THE CENTRE FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT

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