

July-August Newsletter

SOLVE
THE CENTRE FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT

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Here's what has happened in the last 2 months and what's to come!

As we reflect on the months of July and August, we at SOLVE would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our readers for their continued support, and to all our partners and collaborators who make our work possible. These past two months have been a period of significant growth and exciting developments.

During July and August, we had the privilege of working with Chelsea FC, delivering impactful workshops to their under-16 academy players, helping them develop crucial life skills and fostering team unity.

Both months also saw us the privilege of attending two impactful events with AP Taskforce and attending the annual Sickle Cell Gala hosted by organisation "My Friend Jen", where we connected with other organisations and shared our mission.

Throughout this time, we've also been hard at work planning our next steps, laying the groundwork for future initiatives that will continue to support and empower the communities we serve.

Thank you for being part of our journey—we look forward to sharing more with you in the months to come.

Enjoy our July-August newsletter!

SOLVE Team
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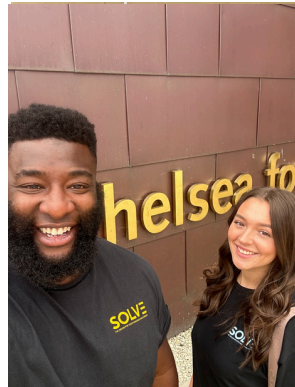


SOLVE Supports The Progression of Sickle Cell Conference and Gala Hosted by My Friend Jen.

Birmingham became home to the event of the year hosted by SOLVE's close associate "My Friend Jen".

"My Friend Jen" is a company set up for community interest founded by Jenica Leah and has been set up for the benefit of the sickle cell community. Their main purpose is to create and deliver Sickle Cell educational resources, projects and events in the UK and worldwide.

My Friend Jen hosted their annual Conference and Gala to celebrate the advancements made in the fight towards Sickle Cell but also to discuss and educate on the future of Sickle Cell and how we can all contribute to the fight. The SOLVE team dusted off their best attire to support and attended in full force. It was a purposeful day and evening to remember where the team learned, shared and laughed. Thanks for having us My Friend Jen!



Niamh's Impressive Debut at Chelsea FC Academy

Niamh and Craig recently delivered our Lifeskills workshop to Chelsea FC's under-16 academy players, aimed at fostering team unity. This was Niamh's first time at the academy, and she truly shone. From the start, she connected effortlessly with the players, leading engaging activities that built trust and teamwork.

Her enthusiasm and confidence left a lasting impression, making the workshop both educational and enjoyable. With Craig's support, Niamh's debut was a resounding success, helping the team bond and setting the stage for many more impactful sessions in the future.



Celebrating Success with AP Taskforce

Solve CYVC had the privilege of attending a special event hosted by AP Taskforce, an alternative provision dedicated to supporting young people. The event was a celebration of the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, from the committed staff to the inspiring young people in the community.

The highlight of the event was hearing impactful stories from the young people themselves, as well as from schools and businesses that have benefitted from the efforts of AP Taskforce. Their heartfelt gratitude underscored the importance of the work being done.

We are especially proud of our own team members, Daniel, a registered integrative therapist, and Henna, a female intervention worker, who also contribute significantly to the AP Taskforce's mission. Their dedication and impact were evident, and it was a joy to see their hard work celebrated alongside others in the community.

This event was a powerful reminder of the positive change that can happen when people come together with a shared purpose. We are honoured to be part of such an inspiring community and look forward to continuing our work with AP Taskforce.



Craig and Dr. Lizzie Lead Service Day for Croydon Council on Workforce Support and Youth Violence

Craig and Dr. Elizabeth Fitzmaurice from SOLVE recently facilitated an insightful service day for the team at Croydon Council, focusing on enhancing workforce support and addressing youth violence. Dr. Lizzie, a Registered Forensic Psychologist specializing in adolescent mental health and youth violence, brought her extensive expertise to the event, providing a deep dive into the psychological aspects of these critical issues.

These service days are designed to foster reflection and open dialogue among Croydon Council's management team.

Through a series of structured discussions, Craig and Dr. Lizzie guided participants in exploring how the council could better support its workforce, particularly in the challenging context of youth violence and mental health. The day also included management reflections on current practices and identified opportunities for improvement.

Craig's facilitation ensured that the day was not only informative but also engaging, with plenty of opportunities for the team to exchange ideas and learn from each other.



Craig Delivers Impactful Training on Race and Youth Violence for London Youth in Conjunction with Power the Fight

Craig recently delivered an impactful training session for London youth on behalf of Power the Fight, focusing on the critical issues of race and youth violence. The training was designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of how racial dynamics influence youth violence and to provide strategies for addressing these challenges effectively.

The session was highly interactive, with Craig facilitating discussions that allowed attendees to share their experiences and explore practical solutions for the communities they serve.

Feedback from London Youth staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the relevance of the training to their ongoing work and the actionable strategies they gained.

Craig's collaboration with Power the Fight and London Youth underscores SOLVE's commitment to promoting social justice and supporting organisations that are on the front lines of these critical issues. This training session marks another step forward in the ongoing effort to create safer, more inclusive communities for all young people.



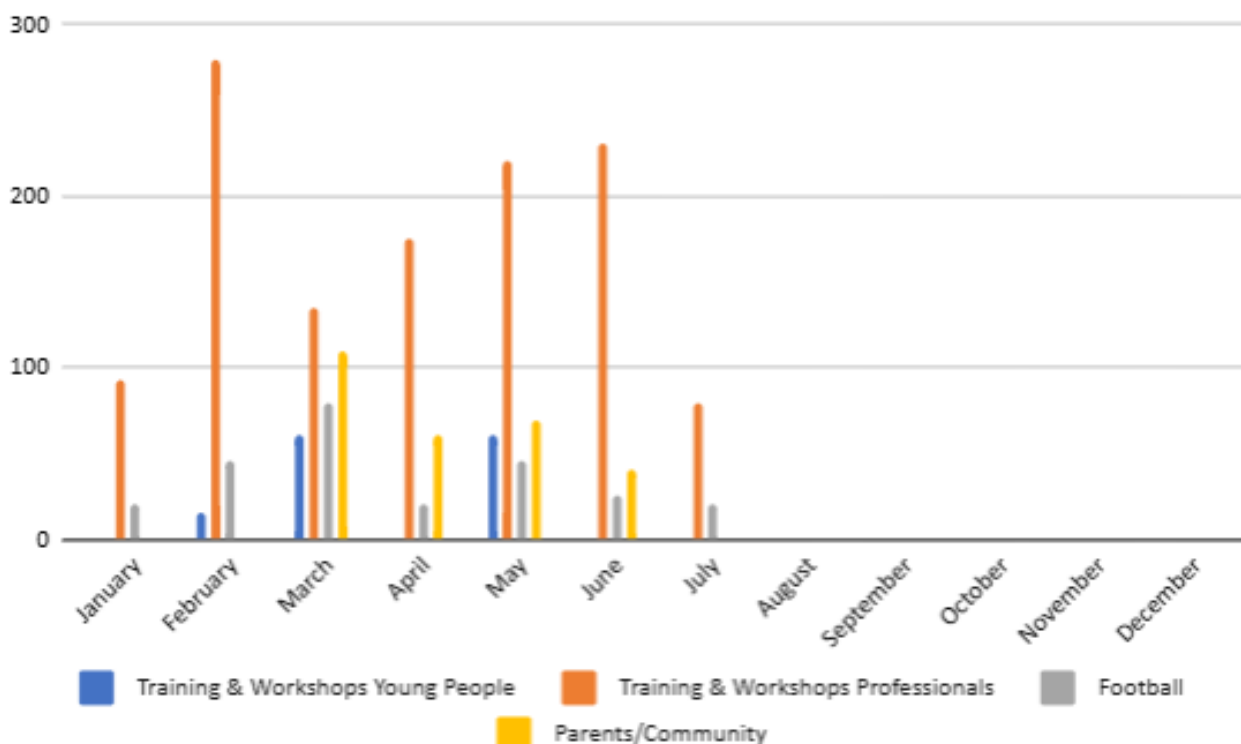
SOLVE Team Collaborates on Future Projects During Dynamic Team Day, Joined by Jaguar Land Rover!

The energy at the SOLVE offices was palpable as the team gathered for a dedicated day of collaboration and innovation. The focus of the day was to align on upcoming projects and to brainstorm new ideas that will drive the organisation forward.

As the day progressed, discussions ranged from refining project strategies to exploring new opportunities for community impact.

Adding an exciting twist to the day, representatives from Jaguar Land Rover visited the SOLVE offices to discuss the £6000 funding they granted to SOLVE. The visit was a unique opportunity for the SOLVE team foster connections with a renowned brand.

The presence of Jaguar Land Rover highlighted the importance of collaboration not just within the team, but also with external partners who share SOLVE's vision for a better future.



Graph Depicting the Number of Individuals SOLVE's Training and Workshops have Impacted to Date

The graph illustrates the number of activities across different months in four categories: "Training & Workshops Young People," "Training & Workshops Professionals," "Parents/Community," and "Football." The data reveals that the highest number of activities occurred in February, with the "Training & Workshops Professionals" category reaching nearly 300 individuals. The "Training & Workshops Young People" and "Parents/Community" categories had significant activity from February to June, with a notable peak in May for the "Parents/Community" category. The "Football" category shows consistent, albeit lower, participation throughout the months, with small peaks in February and July.

We cant wait to see what to see what the rest of the year has to offer!

Thank you for reading!

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