



Alternative Routes

Programme

The Alternative Routes programme integrates workshops on the consequences of criminal actions, strategies for overcoming exploitation, and mentorship for personal advancement, aiming to mitigate youth violence and contribute to community enhancement.

Craig Pinkney, Chief Executive Officer, SOLVE.

"Over the years, I've steered SOLVE to be an organisation deeply committed to understanding the root causes of violence, conflict, and harm. My vision is to set unparalleled standards for professionals across diverse fields, ensuring our approach is both rigorous and impactful. We strive to elevate and address societal issues with professionalism and unwavering dedication, always aiming to create lasting, positive change."



About Solve CYVC

SOLVE CYVC: The Centre for Youth Violence and Conflict is a leading organisation committed to critically examining and addressing the causes of violence through research, training, consultancy, and advocacy.

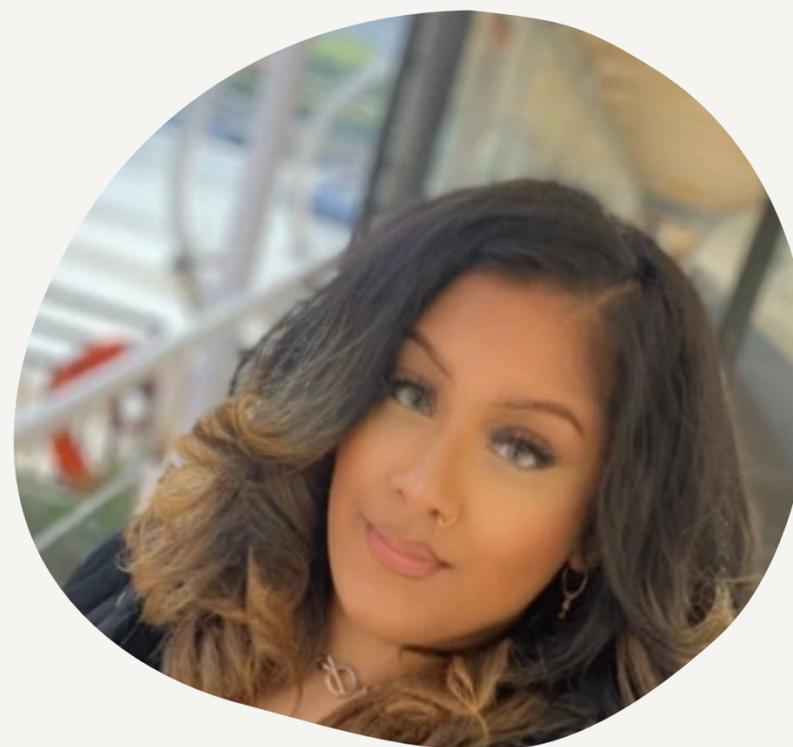
Our aim is to make a positive impact in the field of youth violence and conflict resolution. Our team consists of passionate professionals who bring a wealth of expertise and experience in addressing issues related to violence, conflict, and youth development. With a shared commitment to creating meaningful change, we empower individuals and communities to overcome challenges and build safer environments.





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Choices: Impact of Gangs, Knife and Gun Crime



Overview

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.



Learning Objectives

- Understand the broad impacts of gang, knife, and gun crime.
- Risk Factors: Learn about what drives individuals towards involvement in violent activities.
- Legal Outcomes: Grasp the legal repercussions of involvement in violent crime
- Prevention Strategies: Discover methods to prevent youths from turning to violence.
- Community Role: Recognise the power of personal choices and community support in reducing crime.



Craig Pinkney

It Could Be You!



Overview

The workshop addresses serious issues of child exploitation, focusing specifically on criminal exploitation among at-risk youth. It is designed to educate young people about the dangers and signs of exploitation through the story of a fictional character named Jay, juxtaposed with real-life cases..



Learning Objectives

- **Understanding Child Exploitation:** Participants will gain insight into the different forms of child exploitation and how these situations typically develop.
- **Recognising Signs and Manipulation Techniques:** Students will learn to identify the methods exploiters use to manipulate and control young individuals.
- **Awareness of Real-Life Consequences:** The presentation illustrates the serious consequences of exploitation, including legal issues, violence, and psychological impacts.
- **Preventive Measures and Seeking Help:** It provides preventative strategies and details on where to find help, highlighting resources like NSPCC and Childline.
- **Interactive Engagement:** Encourages active participation and critical thinking through decision-making scenarios involving the character Jay.



Henna Banger

The Ripple Effect

Overview

"The Ripple Effect" workshop explores the powerful connection between actions and consequences. Through discussions, self-reflection, and Fidel Thompson's life story as a former gang member who was paralysed due to gun violence, participants will gain valuable insights. Now dedicated to educating young people, Fidel's story inspires a greater sense of responsibility in making positive life choices.

Learning Objectives

- Explore the negative impacts of gun and knife crime.
- Identify factors that can lead young people into making poor life choices.
- Critically reflect on contemporary issues that affect young people within a UK context.
- Highlight the importance of goal setting and building resilience.
- Be able to participate in reflective learning activities within peer group.



Fidel Thompson

Protect & Empower

Overview

The 'Protect & Empower' workshop aims to educate participants on the forms, development, and signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE). It covers the severe consequences, including legal and psychological impacts, and teaches how to recognise manipulation techniques used by exploiters. Additionally, the workshop provides preventive measures and information on seeking help, empowering participants to protect themselves and others from CSE.

Learning Objectives

- **Understanding Child Sexual Exploitation:** Participants will learn about the various forms of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and how these situations typically develop.
- **Recognising Signs and Manipulation Techniques:** Participants will be able to identify the signs of CSE and understand the manipulation techniques used by exploiters to control and manipulate young individuals.
- **Comprehending Severe Consequences:** Participants will gain awareness of the serious legal and psychological impacts of CSE.
- **Implementing Preventive Measures:** Participants will learn practical strategies to prevent CSE and protect themselves and others.
- **Accessing Support Resources:** Participants will become familiar with resources and organisations, such as NSPCC and Childline, and learn how to seek help if they or someone they know is at risk of CSE.

A close-up portrait of a woman with dark hair, wearing a gold nose ring and a gold necklace. She is smiling slightly. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with buildings.

Henna Banger

Exploitation to Freedom



Overview

The "Exploitation to Freedom" workshop explores the exploitation and control surrounding county lines, featuring Lisa Brooks's powerful story of being criminally exploited and sent to prison. Lisa shares how this impacted her, her family, children, and friends, and her journey to recovery. Participants can ask Lisa about her experiences, advocacy, and insights. The workshop aims to raise awareness, inspire prevention, and celebrate resilience.



Learning Objectives

- Learn about the dynamics of exploitation, control, and coercion related to county lines.
- Explore Lisa Brooks's personal journey, including vulnerability, exploitation, escape, and recovery.
- Interact with Lisa to gain insights into her experiences and advocacy against exploitation.
- Increase awareness about the issues surrounding county lines exploitation.
- Motivate proactive efforts to prevent exploitation while celebrating the resilience of survivors.



Lisa Brooks

VAWG Violence Against Girls & Women

Overview

This interactive workshop raises awareness of Violence Against Girls & Women (VAWG), misogyny, and healthy relationships. Participants will explore key topics, including recognising abusive behaviours, challenging harmful stereotypes, and understanding the importance of respect and equality in relationships. Through discussions and activities, young people will develop tools to identify unhealthy dynamics, foster empathy, and promote positive change in their communities. The session provides a safe space to learn, reflect, and build confidence in addressing these crucial issues.

Learning Objectives

- Develop an understanding of the key concepts of Violence Against Girls & Women (VAWG) and misogyny, including their definitions, causes, and societal impact.
- Identify and recognise the signs of unhealthy, abusive, or coercive behaviours in relationships and learn how to seek support or intervene safely.
- Explore the impact of stereotypes, gender biases, and societal norms on attitudes, behaviours, and relationships, encouraging self-reflection and awareness.
- Build skills and strategies to foster respect, empathy, and equality in personal relationships, promoting a culture of mutual understanding and care.
- Gain confidence to challenge harmful behaviours, address misogynistic attitudes, and advocate for healthy, respectful interactions in all areas of life.

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Stronger Together: Fighting Racism

Overview

Learners will explore and understand key approaches and strategies to challenge racism and promote inclusivity within their schools, colleges, and wider communities. They will engage in discussions to reflect on the impact of racism and discrimination on individuals and society, while learning practical ways to address and interrupt these behaviours. Through interactive activities, students will gain the knowledge and confidence to foster safer, more inclusive environments, build positive relationships, and advocate for equity and respect among their peers.

Learning Objectives

- Develop a clear understanding of racism, its definition, and the impact it has on individuals and communities.
- Recognise stereotypes, discriminatory behaviours, and how they contribute to systemic racism.
- Explore the importance of empathy, tolerance, and mutual respect in fostering inclusive and healthy relationships.
- Gain practical tools and strategies to address and challenge racism confidently in everyday situations.
- Reflect on personal attitudes and beliefs to support equality, diversity, and inclusion in both school and community settings.



Craig Pinkney

The Alternative Route

Overview

The workshop aims to inspire and motivate individuals by demonstrating that change is possible, regardless of the challenges faced. Sharing Kareem's personal experiences, including early life difficulties, key moments of change, and the steps he took to improve his life with the support of mentors and other systems, this workshop highlights that transformation and growth are achievable for everyone.

Learning Objectives

- **Understanding the Possibility of Change:** Participants will learn that personal transformation is achievable, regardless of the obstacles they face.
- **Recognising Early Life Challenges:** Attendees will gain insights into how early life difficulties can be overcome through resilience and determination.
- **Identifying Key Moments of Change:** The workshop will help participants recognise pivotal moments that can motivate significant life changes.
- **Learning Effective Steps for Improvement:** Participants will understand practical steps and strategies that can be employed to turn their lives around.
- **Valuing Support Systems:** The importance of mentors and other support systems in personal development will be highlighted, showing how these resources can facilitate growth and change.
- **Encouraging Self-Reflection and Engagement:** Attendees will be encouraged to reflect on their own experiences and actively engage with the workshop content to foster personal growth and resilience.



**Kareem
Burrows-White**

Parents: Understanding Gangs and Criminal Exploitation

Overview

The workshop aims to enable to bring awareness to the parents to explore the reality of the issues that impact children and young people. The workshop will cover the daily challenges faced by children/young people and explore the motivations to why many may join deviant or anti-social groups. Participants will also engage in reflective learning activities that will enable them to think of positive and realistic ways to support their children.

Learning Objectives

- Help parents identify and understand street gangs, county lines and what criminal exploitation looks like in the United Kingdom.
- Enable parents to recognise indicators and reasons why children and young people may get involved with street gangs or county lines.
- Examine the role of social media and its impact on both young males and females.
- Be able to identify available support and resources for young people

Method of delivery

- Online Webinar or Face to Face sessions.



Craig Pinkney

Peer Mentoring



Lisa.Kareem.Fidel

Our peer mentors provides guidance and support, helping mentees develop skills and achieve goals. They act as a positive role model, build confidence, share resources, and offer constructive feedback, all aimed at fostering the mentee's personal and professional grow



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