

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.





The Ripple Effect



Overview

"The Ripple Effect" workshop offers a unique opportunity for your audience to explore the profound connection between actions and consequences. By engaging in discussions, self-reflection, and Fidel Thompson's compelling life story, participants will emerge with valuable insights and a heightened sense of responsibility in their choices.



- 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.



Exploitation to Freedom



Overview

This workshop, titled "Exploitation to Freedom," offers an opportunity to understand the exploitation, control, and coercive behaviour surrounding county lines. It features Lisa Brooks's inspiring journey, including vulnerability, exploitation, escape, and recovery. Participants can ask Lisa questions about her experiences, advocacy, and insights on combating exploitation.

The workshop aims to raise awareness, foster empathy, inspire prevention efforts, and celebrate resilience in the face of exploitation.



- 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.



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.



- 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.



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..



- 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.



Peer Mentoring





Kareem Niamh

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



