



Gangs and Gang Culture and unlawful group association

The rise in school exclusions has had an impact on the number of children and young people joining gangs. A gang is a group of people who may be involved in crime and violence. Many young people will not realise they are in a gang, they will just think they are in a group of friends. Being in a gang is not illegal - only the criminal offences committed are illegal.

Course content and areas to be covered;

- 1. Gangs.**
- 2. Knife Crime.**
- 3. Gun crime.**
- 4. Drugs and Crime.**
- 5. Prison sentences and Surviving in Prison.**
- 6. Gridiron Gang.**

AIM(S);

1. To educate Y/P about the various issue surrounding gangs and county lines set a context for all future discussions.
2. To teach young people about knife crime, what the law is regarding knife crime, and the implications of carrying a knife.
3. To learn about gun crime phenomenon in UK and the causes of gun crime.
4. Encourage Y/P to think about the social, economic and health implication of illegal drug use/ drug involvement. Encourage Y/P to learn about what is classified as legal/ illegal.
5. To familiarise Y/P with the legal procedures regarding sanctions. To learn about prison life and what the prison system offers
6. Y/P to inform young people of real life events as portrayed in media, and what they can understand from this.

Learning Outcomes

Attendees will gain a good understanding of guns and gangs, and what this terminology means.

You will gain an understanding of who they are and an individual and their responsibility towards themselves and others e.g. their community.

Participants will:

- Understand the importance of consequential thinking 'Every Action Has a Reaction'
- Understand community in its widest sense and how unlawful group association
- Understand the age of criminal responsibility
- peer pressure and peer grooming
- Understand the misnomer behind gangs and gang involvement