

GANGS

GET AWAY N GET SAFE

For 18 years I worked within the Criminal Justice System as a Probation Officer. For the final seven years I was a specialist Officer working solely with those involved in Urban Street Gangs and Serious /Organised Crime Groups in the Merseyside area. In 2012 I was awarded the High Sheriff Award for Merseyside for my work and also received a commendation from Merseyside Police for my assistance in the removal of firearms from our community.

Realising the most effective way forward was "prevention" I used my unique experience in working with the most high profile USG/SOC cases and developed an early intervention for young people which has been commissioned by Housing Associations, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and West Yorks Police, Schools and local authorities. Our organisation is now a recognised UK Home Office partner addressing youth violence. The GANGS Get Away 'N' Get Safe program was developed using both professional research, best practice guidance and personal experience.

The GANGS Get Away 'N' Get Safe program is an intensive 5 session educational, preventative and diversionary intervention which aims to educate young people on the dangers and consequences of criminality, ASB, knife crime, drugs, exploitation, OCG's/ gang lifestyle for the individual, their families and the wider community. It will empower young people to make informed decisions about their current or future associates and lifestyle, thus reducing the potential risks of criminality and gang related behaviour. The program is inclusive of all learning styles and uses presentations, role play, music and videos to engage the participants whilst continually sending out the message, "Get Away 'N' Get Safe". We aim to safeguard children and young people across the country and hope to inspire the next generation to take control of their futures and achieve their dreams!

Our work has gained recognition with OFSTED, the Childrens and Victims Commissioner and has been featured on the BBC1 Inside Out program, BBC News and BBC Crimewatch Roadshow. In recognition of our work I was invited to 10 Downing St on the 15th July 2019.

The GANGS program has been delivered to over 14000 participants from age 9-17 and is suitable for both males and females. Each program will last approximately 5 hours. The participants will be taken on an emotional journey they will never forget. If you have any concerns about the path a young person could potentially take in life..... we will change it!

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