THE MIND OF A

‘YOUNG LONDONER’

RAISING AWARENESS & SELF REFLECTION WORKSHOP 2020

#ENOUGHISENOOUGH

TWITTER: UNIQUE TALENT UK

UNIQUE TALENT.ORG.UK – INFO@UNIQUE TALENT.ORG.UK

BY UNIQUE TALENT CIC
SESSION OUTCOMES

• UNDERSTANDING THE THOUGHT PROCESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE
• UNDERSTAND THE DECISIONS YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE
• EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO GANGS AND KNIFE CRIME
• EXPLORE COUNTY LINES AND HOW WE CAN HELP
• UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
WHY DO YOU GO TO WORK
WHY DO YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING?

- MAKE MONEY?
- TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL GOALS
- LOOK AFTER YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
- TO BUILD A FAMILY
- HAVE FUN AND ENJOY LIFE
- TO WORK
  - FOR SECURITY
  - FOR A SENSE OF WORTH
  - FOR A SENSE OF BELONGING
  - TO FEEL LOVED AND APPRECIATED

THIS IS SIMILAR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN GANGS...
THIS IS MY STORY...

• A SIMILAR STORY TO MANY VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE IN LONDON TODAY
• HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO GET AWAY FROM POVERTY
• SIMILAR ASPIRATIONS TO MANY IN THE ROOM TODAY
• NEGATIVE CIRCLE OF ASSOCIATION & ADVICE AND GUIDANCE
• EASILY INFLUENCED AND KEEN TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON PEERS
THE IRRATIONAL APPROACH WHICH LEADS TO MISSING EPISODES...

SOME OF THE REASONS WHY YOUNG PEOPLE GO MISSING AND JOIN GANGS...

- **MAKE MONEY FAST?**
  - UNABLE TO MAKE MONEY UNDER 16, SO...
  - COUNTRY AKA COUNTY LINES – NOT TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DANGERS
  - NEGATIVE PEER PRESSURE
  - A DESIRE FOR EXPENSIVE THINGS, INFLUENCED BY SOCIAL MEDIA & TV

- **THE NEED TO FIT IN AND MAKE AN IMPRESSION (PEER PRESSURE)**
  - IMPRESSING GIRLS
  - NEGATIVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY – ENCOURAGED TO DEAL DRUGS, ROB AND COMMIT CRIME
  - TV STANDARDS – SBTV, LINK UP TV, VEVO, DRILL MUSIC, VIDEO GAMES ETC.

- **MY PARENTS ARE ANNOYING ME & A DESIRE TO REBEL**
  - TOO STRICT
  - WON'T LET ME PARTY
  - WON'T LET ME STAY OUT
  - WON'T LET ME HAVE THE ABOVE
  - FEELING LIKE PARENTS ARE AGAINST ME
PREVENTING MISSING EPISODES, BRINGING A YOUNG PERSON BACK HOME

• BUILDING POSITIVE NETWORKS AND CIRCLES OF ASSOCIATIONS

• KNOWING THE FRIENDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND KEEPING THEM CLOSE, INCLUDING THEIR PARENTS

• LISTEN, LISTEN MORE AND SHOW THAT YOU CARE

• REGULAR COMMUNICATION

• EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PEERS
OUR TAKE ON KINGSTON & RICHMOND

• TWO OF THE SAFEST BOROUGHS IN LONDON.
• BUT VERY CLOSE TO CROYDON AND WANDSWORTH.
• IMPACTED BY THE RISE IN KNIFE CRIME ACROSS LONDON - A 10 YEAR HIGH IN 2019…
• HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY LONDON CULTURE I.E. MUSIC, SLANG ETC.
• KINGSTON AND RICHMOND MUST REMAIN ON THE FRONT FOOT AND NOT BECOME COMPLACENT TO REMAIN ONE OF LONDON’S SAFEST PLACES
• LOW NUMBER OF Gangs THAT TAKE CONTROL OF LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS, MORE ORGANISED, MONEY FOCUSED…
KNIFE CRIME – 10 YEAR HIGH

Total knife offences in England and Wales

Offences involving a knife or sharp instrument, England and Wales

Source: Home Office, year ending March
THE SIGNS... RED FLAGS

• LOTS OF MONEY, NICE CLOTHES, NO LONGER ASKING FOR FINANCIAL HELP

• IN AND OUT, UP AND DOWN

• MISSING EPISODES AND COVER STORIES... ALWAYS CHECK THESE OUT

• SPENDING LOTS OF TIME OUT OF THE HOME WITH FRIENDS

ULTIMATELY, PARENTS WILL SEE MOST OF THESE SIGNS AND WILL NEED TO ACT?
TESTIMONY FROM A YOUNG PERSON

• TO WALK IN THE SHOES OF A YOUNG PERSON LIVING IN LONDON AND PARTS OF THE UK
If you want to carry a knife...... Think before you do. This might be what awaits you.

#lifeorknife #opforecast
THE IMPORTANCE

• 2018 - 140 DEAD & 40K STABBED
• 2019 – ABOVE 40K KNIFE OFFENCES,
• THOSE WITH LIFETIME INJURIES ARE RARELY MENTIONED....
MISTAKEN IDENTITY

STABBED BY MY OWN WEAPON

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME

WENT TO STAB, GOT STABBED

CHASED DOWN AND LOST HOPE

BEGGED FOR MY LIFE
CRITICAL QUESTIONS?

IF THE STATEMENT RELATED TO YOU PLEASE STAND UP

• HOW MUCH BLOOD DOES A CHILD HAVE IN THEIR BODY
  • (3-5 LITRES)
• HOW MUCH BLOOD DOES AN ADULT HAVE IN THEIR BODY
  • (4.5-5.5 LITRES)
• WHERE IS THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE STABBED
• WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE CARRY KNIVES
• WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE JOIN GANGS

MOST OF US HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN LIFE?
WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING KILLED ON OUR STREETS

- FATAL STAB WOUNDS
- LEFT BY FRIENDS TO DIE
- PANIC
- ADRENA LIN RUSH
MORALS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

• LISTENING TO AUTHORITY
• ATTITUDE AND RESPECT
• INFLUENCES
• SMOKING
• GIRL FRIENDS/BOY FRIENDS
• FUTURE GOALS
• EDUCATION
KREPT & KONAN – CROYDON BOYS

THE DANGER OF SOCIAL MEDIA

• LET’S LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES...

• YOUTUBE, SNAPCHAT, WHATSAPP, INSTA ETC ALL ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE ON GNAGS AND KNIFE CRIME
STRATEGIES
WHAT WE THINK OUR PARENTS COULD HAVE DONE?

• LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION
• ALLOCATING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL (CONSISTENT)
• UNDERSTAND THE REALITIES OF GANGS AND THE REAL CONSEQUENCES
• NEW LIFE EXPERIENCES I.E. HOLIDAYS, LONDON ETC
• KEEPING THEM BUSY OVER THE HOLIDAYS
• ACTIVITIES… FOOTBALL, SPORTS, DANCE ETC.
• MORE SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND PAID OPPORTUNITIES
• GET TO KNOW THE FRIENDS VERY WELL.
ANYONE WHO?

IF THE STATEMENT RELATED TO YOU PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND UP

- HAS CHILDREN?
- HAS MADE A MISTAKE?
- SAID A LIE?
- BROKEN THE LAW?
- BEEN PEER PRESSURED TO DO SOMETHING YOU DID NOT WANT TO DO?
- HAS HAD A FIGHT?
- HAD KEPT A SECRET FROM SOMEONE YOU LOVE?
- HAS HAD ROAD RAGE?
- LOVES BRIXIT!

MOST OF US HAVE MADE A MISTAKE?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

PLEASE ASK ANY QUESTIONS?

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

020 3479 5344

INFO@UNIQUETALENT.ORG.UK

UNIQUETALENT.ORG.UK

TWITTER: UNIQUETALENT_UK