

Title: Gangs! – What Gangs?

An awareness of Gang Culture - the causes and consequences.



Introduction

Gangs and gang culture in the UK has received much 'headline' attention as the influence of gang culture on young people in schools and communities continues to rise. The causes of this growing gang culture and associated youth violence have been blamed on many things including the perceived negative influences of gangsta / rap music, the glamorisation of violent American style gang culture, gratuitous violence in the media, the breakdown of the family and the lack of cohesion within communities. The reality is that there are many causes and each one is, in some way, affected by the other. This accredited course aims to provide learners with the underpinning knowledge and understanding of why gangs form, the risk factors associated with gang culture and the impact on communities and individuals. The course will also provide learners with strategies to encourage young people to think about the consequences of gang culture on their own lives and the lives of others and tools to help them to resist becoming involved with gang culture.

On successful completion of the course learners will achieve the award of Basic Understanding of Gang Culture (Level 1) which is accredited by EDI Awarding Body. www.ediplc.com

Who is it for?

This course is suitable for young people, parents, teachers, youth workers, family support workers or any other individual who would like to understand more about gang culture, either in a personal or professional capacity, and its affects on individuals and communities.

Prior Learning

There are no pre-requisites for this course however learners with a personal experience of gang culture or anti social behaviour may find this course particularly useful.

Assessment

Assessment will take place in a variety of ways including the completion of a Personal Learning Log, scenario/role play, group discussions etc. All learning outcomes are assessed internally. All assessment criteria must be met in order to achieve Award.

Progression

On completion of the course there will be an opportunity for learners to undertake a further award in training / facilitation skills – Introduction to Training Skills Level 1. This Award will equip learners with the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding to deliver elements of the Basic Understanding of Gang Culture to young people in schools and communities.

Criteria

Although the course can be delivered within many environments, this particular course is aimed at families and communities and will therefore be delivered in a family learning environment.

The course is open to all adults within Kirklees. Adults must be accompanied by a young person (aged 10 – 18) who will also take part in the learning. .

Dates & Structure

The course is comprised of 6 Units, delivered over 30 guided learning hours – some of which is self study.

Attendance dates:

Saturday, 28th March 2009, 10.00 am 4.00 pm

Saturday, 4th April 2009, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Saturday, 18th April 2009, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

This course is supported by Kirklees Children & Young Peoples Service and is delivered in partnership with Concept Training & Consultancy Ltd.

For further information and an application form, please contact:



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