

The Youth Association
Northeast Area: 2023-26

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StreetSmart

A programme of street-based workshops, with two elements:

1. StreetSafe – interactive street-based workshops that promote positive attitudes and reduce crime & violence
2. StreetVoice – street-level youth empowerment work for young people to influence local decision making and take collective action

'Progressive' street-based youth work

- Not just “doing sports on the streets”
- Not doing “Diversionary activities”
- Not just hanging out with young people
- Not “Policing the streets”



Engaging young people where parents, schools and other services have little reach

The starting point of our work

- Wherever the young person is in their life right now?
- Get them from A to B
- In the context of their social group



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Wards

1. Cudworth

- Cudworth Park, Valley Park, Darfield Rd @ China Chef
- Gender/sexual identity, anti-social behaviour

2. Monk Bretton

- Lundwood, Monk Bretton
- Drugs, heritage crime, ASB, youth violence

3. Northeast

- Grimethorpe Park, ASDA, The Dell (Red City Park)
- ASB, community cohesion, aspirations, risks & consequences

4. Royston

- Royston Park, Upper Carlton, Park off 'The Green'
- Sexual health, mental health, young women's safety, drugs



Street-based curriculum

Workshops around an array of topics and subjects, responding to young people's needs and issues, including:

- CCE, gangs, grooming, knife crime awareness
- Drill music, masculinity, coercive relationships
- Social awareness, social justice
- Communication skills, self-awareness, aspirations
- Role models



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Preventing violence against women and girls

- Young men's programmes: pornography, misogyny, men's mental health, body image, aggression
- Young women's programmes: sexual health & gender, gender/power, self-defence, body image, coercive relationships, women's health
- Delivered through, sports, arts & voice and creative media work



Street-based social action

- Social action: local influence, decisions, voice
- Seeking to tip the balances of societal power in the favour of young people



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Impact

Outcome aims

1. Young people improve understanding of crime and violence
2. Young people empowered to be capable activists, skilled in self-organisation, problem solving and critical thinking
3. Young people become less likely to adopt attitudes that contribute towards violence against women and girls
4. Young people improve mental wellbeing and self-awareness



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Support for community groups

