Sport and Serious Youth Violence Prevention Project

The Sport and Serious Violence Prevention Project sets out to utilise youth sports volunteering and peer leadership to develop critical protective factors and addressing the drivers of serious violence of ‘at risk’ young people.

StreetGames will work in partnership with 12 Police and Crime Commissioners, a range of Locally Trusted Organisations (LTOs) and key stakeholders to develop the protective factors for 180 young people in at risk locations. Young people will engage in high quality sports volunteering in their community alongside training to develop their critical thinking skills.

The project will engage young people aged 10-17 years, in targeted locations where they are ‘at risk’ of being drawn into serious violent crime, many of whom are already playing sport at a local StreetGames project. LTOs will support the young people to actively volunteer within their communities – building resilience, confidence, self-efficacy and the acquisition of social skills. It is expected that these 180 young people will impact on 1440 of their peers through their volunteering (ratio 1:8), and as a result they too will develop protective factors as well, diminishing their risk of becoming involved in crime.

Project Aims

Intertwined with the Safer Together through Sport programme, the programme will address three key aims;

1. To utilise co-produced referral framework model(s) which connect the youth justice and community sport sectors to prevent and address prevention and early intervention challenges associated to serious violence
   - Extended consultation and engagement with criminal justice, policing and community sport partners to gauge stakeholder’s needs
   - Design and deliver pilot frameworks complimenting existing pathways where appropriate
   - Record and evaluate impact of referral pathways to shape future practice

2. To advance stakeholder understanding of, and consideration to, addressing the drivers of serious violence through community-based volunteering and leadership opportunities
   - Disseminate StreetGames ‘Lessons of Volunteering’ research
   - Utilise StreetGames past learning to shape the design of local volunteering interventions – enhancing aligned to risk and protective factors
   - Engaging through; training, workshops, presentations and conference will be key

3. Build a robust evidence base to demonstrate the role sport based interventions can play, through early interventions and prevention strategies, to tackle the drivers of serious violence within ‘at risk’ individuals
   - Desk and field research will be completed to identify best practice methodologies
   - Promote the value of youth volunteering as a mechanism to address the drivers of serious violence
   - Shape future practice through the collation of best practice methodologies and impact studies

The Offer

StreetGames will support each PCC area and the subsequent LTOs with the following package;

1. Financial Support:
   a. To fund a volunteer mentor in each LTO to mentor and coordinate their respective volunteers
   b. To contribute towards volunteer expenses throughout the duration of the programme
   c. To purchase a clothing/kit package for all volunteers
   d. To support young people to complete Youth Action Projects to their peers
2. A two day training and development event to upskill all volunteer mentors including a bespoke ‘Sports Mentoring Programme’ and development seminar

3. A StreetGames Training Academy package per PCC area consisting of;
   a. [Level 1 Award in Developing Community Activities for Youth at Risk](#)
   b. Three [Activator workshops](#)
   c. One [Managing Challenging Behaviour](#)
   d. One [Youth Mental Health First Aid (Lite)](#)

4. A VIEWS license per LTO for monitoring and evaluation purposes

5. Support from StreetGames’ national and area teams

**Youth Volunteering**

We are looking for each PCC area to identify up to 15 ‘at risk’ young people to become young volunteers at LTOs that are ‘referral ready’ in the respective region. At least 5 of these 15 ‘at risk’ young people must be referrals, with the identification, sign up and deployment of the volunteers to Doorstep Sport sessions to have taken place by the end of November 2019.

Volunteers engaged in this project should meet the following criteria:

1. Volunteers must be aged 10-17 years and identified with consideration to the risk factors presented in the Home Office [Serious Violence Strategy, 2018](#)
   a. 10 x Young volunteers (maximum) may be identified by LTOs
   b. 5 x Young volunteers (minimum) must be referred into LTOs by Youth Offending Teams

2. Actively volunteer in at least 1 Doorstep Sport session (which embodies the 10 principles) once a week for a minimum of 12 weeks. Engagement should be regular; however, can span over 12-15 weeks

3. Actively engage in the StreetGames Training Academy package provided and receive regular support/contact from their Volunteer Mentor

**Volunteer Mentor**

A volunteer mentor must be identified by each LTO engaged in this project who will:

- Act as the conduit between LTO and Youth Offending Team, tracking young person’s engagement, participation and development throughout
- Support the recruitment, development and deployment of ‘at risk’ young people throughout volunteering projects
- Coordinate LTO training offers with StreetGames’ Doorstep Sport Advisors
- Ensure all baseline, follow-up, and monitoring requirements are completed promptly
- Engage in StreetGames 2 day ‘Training and Development’ session in September 2019 where the project will be launched and further information/details will be shared
- Manage project outcomes linked to the Award Agreement
**Timescales**
The Sport and Serious Youth Violence Prevention Project will formally launch in September 2019 and run up to the 31st March 2020.

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<td>• Formal project launch&lt;br&gt; • 1 - 5 young people identified by the end of September (early identification will assist the development of this programme)</td>
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<td>October 2019</td>
<td>• 6-10 young people identified by the end of October (early identification will assist the development of this programme)&lt;br&gt; • Two-day training &amp; development session hosted by StreetGames</td>
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<td>November 2019</td>
<td>• 11-15 young people identified by the end of November (early identification will assist the development of this programme)</td>
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<td>• All volunteers to be mobilised and volunteers engaged in delivery</td>
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<td>January 2020</td>
<td>• Delivery of training and support to volunteer mentors and young volunteers</td>
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<td>March 2020</td>
<td>• 15 Young Volunteers, per PCC area, completing 12 weeks of meaningful volunteering experiences&lt;br&gt; • Project completion</td>
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<td>• Project evaluation</td>
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**Budget Breakdown**

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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
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**Monitoring & Evaluation**
All LTOs will be expected to:

- Complete ‘Baseline’ surveys with all identified, ‘at risk’, young people at the earliest stage of engagement. This should be completed at the outset of this volunteer’s engagement.
- Complete ‘Follow Up’ surveys with all identified, ‘at risk’, young people periodically at 6-week/6-session points (multiple Follow Up surveys can be completed by any young person)
- Submit participation data (attendances, volunteering hours, impacted beneficiaries) on a regular basis through the VIEWS monitoring system
- Provide regular feedback to Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) on referred young people’s engagement, attitude, development/regression
- 1 x case study

**Contact**
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