

YJB Risk and Protection Factors

This report outlines the challenges faced by young people and how they influence their behaviour and the subsequent outcome of it, when they are present or absent.

Risk factors include low income, poor housing, low attachment to their neighbourhood, but are categorised into three main areas with additional sub-categories:

- Family
- Community
- School

Below is a table which explains that, whilst StreetGames don't provide rehabilitation programmes for offenders, the network partners very often engage with young people on the periphery of gangs and often involved in youth crime and anti-social behaviour.

RISK FACTORS	STREETGAMES RESPONSE
Living in disadvantaged neighbourhood/low income/poor housing	All StreetGames interventions take place in areas of high disadvantage and low income.
Community disorganisation and neglect	StreetGames provides organised, structured activity; rules and boundaries; team working, and positive role models. Our project will increase the skills of the community by training local youth to become sports leaders.
Lack of pride and attachment to the neighbourhood	StreetGames improves young people's attitudes and feelings about their neighbourhood through creating opportunities for new friendships and positive associations. Opportunities are provided to represent their neighbourhood in competitions and tournaments.
Attitudes that condone anti-social and criminal behaviour	Coaches and volunteers make it clear that offending is destructive. Bullying, drug misuse, racism, sexism, are unacceptable. Coaches are trained to help youngsters to pick up these values.
PROTECTION FACTORS	STREETGAMES RESPONSE
Adult role models for positive social behaviour	The coaches and volunteers model positive attitudes and build positive relationships with the young people and gain their respect. Typically, they live locally and can relate to the young person.
Receive praise and recognition.	Our project provides ongoing positive activity. Praise and recognition are used to reward positive behaviour including regular attendance.
Encouraged to be involved to develop social and reasoning skills. Resilient attitude and behaviour	Overcoming the challenges faced when volunteering is a great way to develop social and reasoning skills. Our work supports young people to cope with setbacks and adversity in a safe and supportive environment. Coaches work continuously on building resilience.
Ability and desire to make a difference	Our project offers young participants training, qualifications, volunteering, and leadership opportunities to develop confidence and ambition.