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## **Gang & Knife Crime Awareness Training**

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### Course Overview:

This Gang & Knife Crime Awareness training course is designed for professionals working with young people, youth workers, youth offending team workers, teachers, mentors and those that work within family services.

This one day training course, provides an opportunity to gain an understanding of why young people are attracted to street gangs, gang culture and knife related violence. We look at the law with regards to knife crime and the legal and emotional consequences of carrying a knife. The course aims to develop an understanding as to why young people feel it necessary to belong to gangs, the associated risks and possible indicators.

This course is a must for any professional working with vulnerable young people. It will assist practitioners introduce proactive interventions to support 'at risk' young people in tackling this social issue.

### Trainer:

Vince Donovan served as a police officer with South Wales Police for thirty years. Vince served in a variety of departments including community safety, crime prevention and hate crime roles. He served the last six years of his police career working closely with a significant number of vulnerable individuals, groomed and attracted to various forms of violent extremism. He also worked with the families of young people who had left the UK to engage with terrorist groups abroad.

Vince has delivered training to over 350 organisations, many of which provide support for vulnerable young people with an array of challenging behaviours complicated sometimes, by substance misuse and mental health issues.

### Learning Objectives

- Have an awareness of street gang affiliation, structure, membership (*initiation*) and risks connected with leaving a gang
- The 'postcode' community trap
- Identify the vulnerability *push factors* that attract young people to street gangs
- Have an awareness of the role of young women in street gangs
- Appreciate the reasons why young people carry knives
- Appreciate the relevance of 'drill' music, social media and video games in violent behaviour
- Appreciate the link between drugs and weapons
- Understanding 'County lines' and 'cuckooing' vulnerable individuals
- Responsibilities for landlords
- Recognise the impact on physical and mental health upon individuals who have cause to carry a weapon
- Have an understanding of the legal implications of carrying a knife
- Recognising and reporting safeguarding concerns