

Family literacy, language and numeracy

Family learning impact funding – Wider Family Learning



Course Title: Gangs, Weapons and Identity		Level of Learning: E3, Level 1		Length of Session: 4 hours	
Course length: 20 hours (5 sessions)		Start Date:		End Date:	
Date & Time: Saturdays		Location: community centre		Age range of children: 7–14	
ECM Outcome: Stay safe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x Be healthy <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy and achieve <input type="checkbox"/> Make a positive contribution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x Achieve economic well-being <input type="checkbox"/>		Curriculum Focus: (WFL)		Sustainable development: <input type="checkbox"/> Community cohesion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x Arts and culture: <input type="checkbox"/> Health and wellbeing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	

Aims of the course:

- To develop an awareness of how to combat the gangs and weapons culture.
- To develop a sense of identity and positive communities and the role of families in this.

Differentiation:

Activities will have a range of possible outcomes to allow learners to achieve at their own level and reach their potential.

Assessment and IAG

Course to include IAG, skills and knowledge check relevant to course content and SfL screening as appropriate to individual learners using e.g. Smart Move Skills Check <http://www.toolslibrary.co.uk/standard.htm>

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Week 1	<u>Introductions, course content, ground rules</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ground Rules and expectations of course Completion of pre-evaluation forms (adult and child) Icebreaker – roleplay - elicit layers of consequences/people affected by incident Input from Crimestoppers– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myths – ‘dilemmas’ activity using Crimestoppers cards (scenarios described followed by question ‘What’s your call?’) Statistics Education – how to report crime, role of Crimestoppers, when to ring police and when Crimestoppers Home task – find out how many gangs are in your area/Croydon/London Feedback/evaluation 	Be familiar with the content and expectations of the course Establish ground rules Be more aware of role of Crimestoppers	www.crimestoppers-uk.org/	Roleplay Discussion Q&A Completion of pre-evaluation form	Develop listening skills Build confidence and self-esteem Explore new ideas Develop skills for working in a group Build relationship within the family/community Develop a sense of inclusion Develop contact with local community/groups

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Week 2	<p>Gang Awareness Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Icebreaker – sharks and islands moving around the room Input from Croydon Met Police – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gang mentality Gangs in prison <p>Discuss what a community is – a group of people who have something in common e.g. online, religious, trade union, neighbours.</p> <p>Learners split up into small groups to discuss what members of communities have in common (shared values, common interests, shared beliefs)</p> <p>What does it feel like to be/not to be part of a community?</p> <p>Using images from visual media, two groups will create a poster each. One reflecting the safe aspects while the other reflects the unsafe aspects of a community</p> <p>Give examples of how they can express feelings without using exact pictures e.g. express anger/happiness using colours</p> <p>Share posters and discuss images</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home task – find out how long court sentences are for carrying/using different weapons Feedback/evaluation 	<p>Understand more about gang mentality</p> <p>Understand more about the nature of communities</p> <p>Make collages to reflect safe and unsafe aspects of a community</p>	<p>Gangs and gang crime advice for parents http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Yourchild/shealthandsafety/WorriedAbout/DG_171325</p> <p>Media images, newspapers, magazines. Sheets A2 paper, glue, scissors, coloured pens</p>	<p>Discussion Q&A Successful completion of task</p>	<p>Develop listening skills</p> <p>Build confidence and self-esteem</p> <p>Explore new ideas</p> <p>Develop skills for working in a group</p> <p>Build relationship within the family/community</p> <p>Develop a sense of inclusion</p> <p>Develop contact with local community/groups</p> <p>Develop skills for making choices</p> <p>Develop problem-solving strategies</p>

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Week 3	<u>Weapons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Icebreaker Input from Youth Offending Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problem situations Why people carry weapons The consequences of carrying weapons Input from NHS – consequences of carrying and using weapons Feedback/evaluation Home task – make a poster/rap/poem saying ‘no’ to weapons 	Improved understanding of the consequences of carrying weapons	Video – Panorama ‘Knife for a Life’ from the BBC Real-life photos	Discussion Q&A	Develop listening skills Build confidence and self-esteem Explore new ideas Develop skills for working in a group Build relationship within the family/community Develop a sense of inclusion Develop contact with local community/groups Develop skills for making choices Develop problem-solving strategies
Week 4	<u>Identity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Icebreaker ‘Love Life’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do people join gangs? Resisting peer pressure—anger management, alternative strategies Bullying in school and outside <p>Roleplay/real life scenarios experienced by young people in group Feedback/evaluation</p>	Improved understanding of why people join gangs and strategies for resisting gang membership	Flipchart, pens	Discussion Q&A Roleplay	Develop listening skills Build confidence and self-esteem Explore new ideas Develop skills for working in a group Build relationship within the family/community Develop a sense of inclusion Develop contact with local community/groups Develop skills for making choices Develop problem-solving strategies

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Week 5	Prevention and cures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventions – mindmap activity – what would you like to see in your community if you had as much money as possible? What do you think would break the cycle? Families, faith and communities Information about Youth Organisations Uniform (YOU) Progression – what alternatives are there? IAG (adults) on further learning and progression Certificates Evaluation/assessment 	Clearer ideas for making communities safer more inclusive places Developed strategies for moving ideas into practice	Large sheets of paper Sticky notes Coloured pens Post evaluation forms Information about Youth Organisations http://www.youthinformation.com/Templates/Internal.asp?NodeID=91033	Discussion Q&A Successful completion of task Post-evaluations	Develop listening skills Build confidence and self-esteem Explore new ideas Develop skills for working in a group Build relationship within the family/community Develop a sense of inclusion Develop contact with local community/groups Develop skills for making choices Develop problem-solving strategies Widen aspirations Gain information and guidance about progression opportunities, and the world of work