


GANG PEER ADVISOR PROGRAMME

A photograph of two men standing on a balcony or rooftop, engaged in conversation. The man on the left is wearing a grey beanie, a black jacket, and a blue backpack. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue and white jacket. They are leaning on a metal railing. The background shows a brick building and a clear sky.

“For me, this opportunity has helped change my mindframe and thinking. If I hadn’t had it, there is a possibility I might have gone back to my old lifestyle. It’s also had a benefit on my partner and three children. They know i’m coming home now.”

Verrell - former SOS client who progressed to become an SOS caseworker

The West Yorkshire Police (WYP) and St Giles Trust Gang Peer Advisor Programme offers intensive support to offenders to break free from gangs (also known as ‘gang exit’), drugs, weapons and serious youth violence. This programme offers a unique, consistent, tailored package of support for adults or young people to help identify alternative aspirations and goals.

Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) is estimated to cost the UK £37 billion annually. Between 2016-18 there has been a 25% increase in firearm offences. Many individuals involved in SOC have been recruited and groomed from a young age to become part of a gang, and committing crime soon becomes normalised. WYP and ST Giles Trust understand the reality that young people can be both perpetrators and victims. We would like to stop them from entering a life of crime.

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