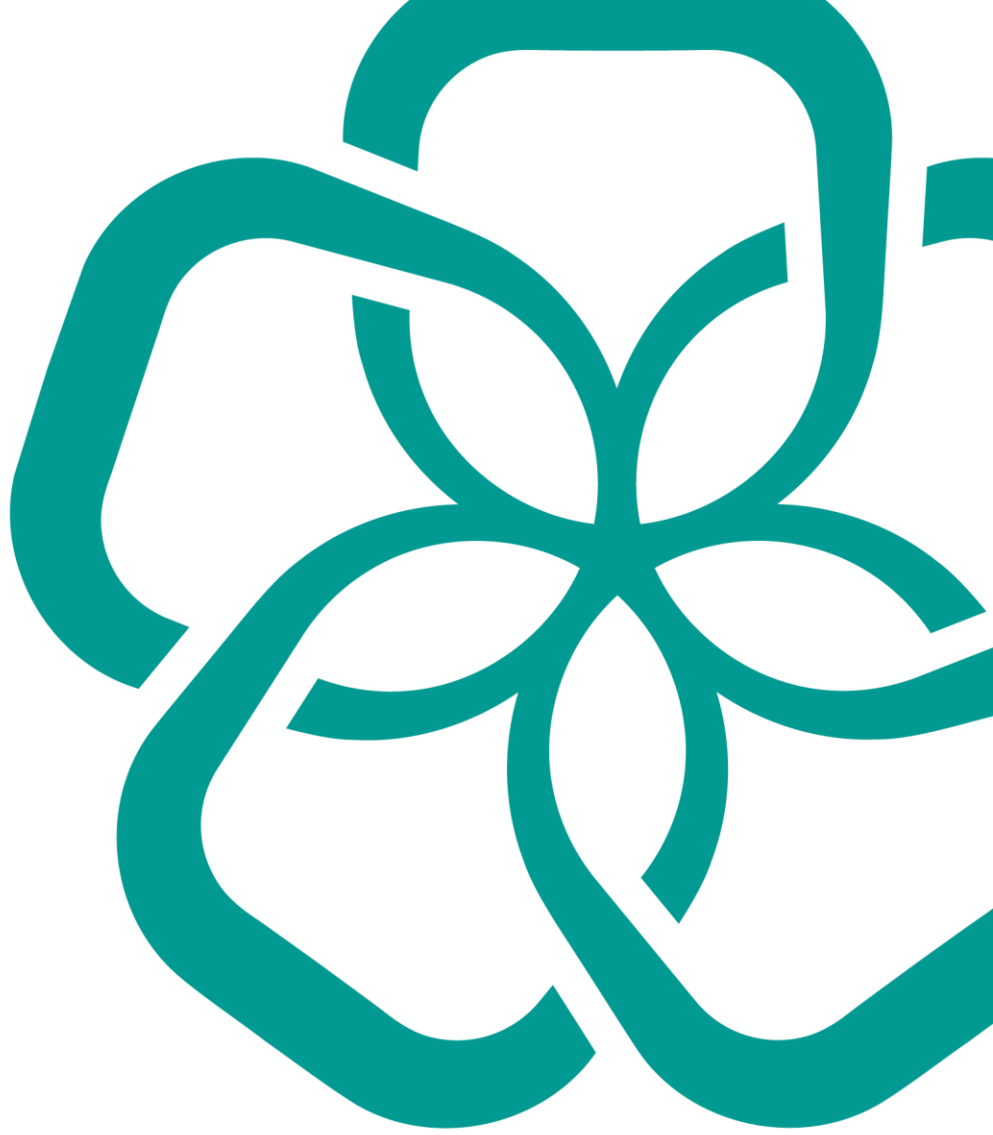




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# Bradford district

## Music Box Inspiring Voices CIC

**Project name: Cut Music - Creative prevention through music Violence against women and girls / Soundwave**

### What will your proposed project do?

- Bringing together young people, police and professional artists to creatively and collaboratively explore themes relating to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) by writing and recording a song/rap.
- Provide a safe, inclusive environment to express perspectives, lived experiences and ideas. Indirectly, using music as a tool, the project will educate, raise collective awareness around VAWG, healthy relationships, consent and respect.
- Open, guided conversations to challenge perceptions, break down barriers with the police and encourage mutual understanding.

### What difference will the project make?

- Increase awareness and understanding of VAWG, its impact, and how to challenge harmful behaviours and change attitudes, this in turn contributing to early intervention/prevention.
- Empower young people to speak out, challenge improper behaviour, build confidence, and become advocates for positive change within their communities.
- Improve trust and relationships between young people and police through meaningful collaboration, improving the rate of reporting of VAWG offences.
- Challenge stereotypes, sexism, and harmful social norms that contribute to VAWG.

### Who will your project support?

- Young people aged 11 – 14, from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or those at risk of disengagement, exclusion or involvement in harmful behaviours.
- Young girls, by amplifying their voices and experiences in a supportive environment
- Young boys, by engaging them in conversations around respect and accountability, challenging ideas of toxic masculinity and promoting positive masculinity.
- Police Officers, as this project will provide opportunities to engage with young people in a creative and collaborative way and break down barriers.
- The wider community, through increased awareness, the promotion of safer, more inclusive attitudes and through seeing positive improvements in the young people.

**How much will the project cost? £10,000.**

## Hollings Youth Association CIC

**Project name: Youth Focus: Community-Led Violence Prevention**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Provide regular, safe spaces for young people through structured sports and activities. Deliver youth leadership qualifications to build confidence and skills.
- Run targeted sessions for young women and girls to increase participation.
- Engage parents and carers to improve awareness and early support Build positive relationships between young people and trusted youth workers.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- Increase confidence, resilience, and positive behaviour among young people.
- Reduce risk factors linked to anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.
- Support young people to become positive role models and leaders Improve inclusion, particularly for young women and girls
- Contribute to a safer, stronger, and more connected community.

### **Who will your project support?**

- Over 80 children and young people aged 10–25 in Manningham
- Young people from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds
- Young women and girls who face barriers to participation
- Young people at risk of disengagement or anti-social behaviour Parents, carers, and the wider community

**How much will the project cost?** £8,450.



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## Tasif Khan Community Boxing Academy

**Project name: Say No to Crime**

**What will your proposed project do?** Say No to Crime Courses – 5 X 10-week courses, 2 hrs a week Friday Nights when young people need it the most Working with young people at risk of crime and anti-social behaviour 20 hours/course (6 hrs Global Skills for Life sessions), (2 hrs police workshop) (4 hrs corporate/careers workshops) (8 hrs boxing as a tool for change).

**What difference will the project make?**

- Global Skills for Life - identity and self-belief, emotional intelligence and resilience, communication and confidence, decision-making and responsibility, physical health and mental strength, and reflection and future planning.
- Corporate/careers Visits – encourage positive life choices for young people
- Police Workshops – awareness of the consequences of crime, breaking barriers
- Boxing – Improving physical health as well as learning how boxing acts as a tool for change including resilience, focus, determination and self-control

**Who will your project support?**

- 20 people per course, 100 over the lifetime of the project
- Ages 10-16
- At risk of involvement in crime, anti-social behaviour, exploitation or poor wellbeing outcomes
- BAME youth focus – disproportionately in the prison system

**How much will the project cost?** £10,000.



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## Scholemoor Beacon

**Project name: Young People Programme**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Provide workshops over the course of 30 weeks to young people in our youth action group aged 11 – 19, educating them and raising their awareness on issues affecting young people such as misogyny, violence against women and girls, county lines, knife crime and relationship violence/abuse.
- Undertake educational visits to enhance and further understanding/learning, related to the issues from the workshops.
- Enrichment visits: Team building activities to increase sense of belonging and community, have fun with their peers whilst doing positive things.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- Improved relationships with public sector organisations on the estate
- Reduced petty crime and bullying
- Reduction in knife incidents
- Enhanced career/life aspirations
- Better understanding of the consequences of crime Improved respect for others in our society, especially women and girls

### **Who will your project support?**

- Young people aged 11 – 19, from the Scholemoor estate and surrounding areas.
- The project will particularly support young people who are at risk of social exclusion, disengagement from education, involvement in anti-social behaviour, or exposure to crime.
- The project will also engage young people who may already be known to local services, including youth services, schools, community organisations, and early-intervention support agencies

**How much will the project cost? £8,634.**



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## **The Bradford (Park Avenue) Sports Foundation**

**Project name: Breaking Barriers**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Educating young people at risk on the consequences of knife crime
- Help young people make choices that keep them and other safe
- Give children the confidence to talk to trusted people if they don't feel safe
- Understand the law and danger of gang related violence including joint enterprise

### **What difference will the project make?**

- Divert young people from negative influences
- Improve community safety
- Create opportunities and prevent harm
- Reduce the number of young people carrying bladed articles
- Empowering young people

### **Who will your project support?**

- Young people between 9 -12 who are at risk
- Diverse communities through Primary school engagement
- BD6,7 and wider areas based on identified need
- Boys and girls

**How much will the project cost? £9,815.85**



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## Beyond the Margin

**Project name: Project Power**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Community based therapeutic support for women experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.
- Weekly group sessions led by a qualified therapist to help women regain their power back after suffering domestic abuse.
- One to One Dramatherapy - Individual creative therapy for women who require more tailored or intensive support.
- Ongoing emotional support including peer support, food parcels, referrals to other services, work experience.
- Local trauma informed support delivered by experienced professionals with lived experience, supporting women to rebuild their lives free from abuse.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- Break the cycle of domestic abuse and help women to regain power and control of their lives.
- Emotional and psychological healing for women, a safe space to rebuild confidence and self esteem.
- An opportunity to develop skills, connect with others and make social networks.
- A space to rediscover who they are free from abuse and to experience belonging and safety without judgement.
- Reduce future harm for women and also their children.

### **Who will your project support?**

- Women who are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse
- Women living in BD4
- Women from across Bradford who are happy to travel to Holmewood for support
- The children of these women will be supported through our wider programmes

**How much will the project cost? £9,980.60**

## 313 Foundation

### **Project name: Think Smart: Conflict, Choice & Consequences (3C's)**

#### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Serious violence and knife-related harm often begin long before a young person becomes involved in crime, through conflict, pressure and poor decision-making.
- Think Smart is a focused 6-session early intervention programme designed to prevent escalation into serious violence.
- Deliver structured, small-group sessions for young people aged 14–21
- Explore real-life issues including conflict, peer pressure, decision-making and consequences
- Create safe spaces where young people can openly discuss challenges they face Equip participants with practical tools to manage conflict and make safer, more informed choices
- Deliver sessions within community settings across Shipley, Bingley and Cottingley.
- Delivered by 313 Foundation, a Bradford-based organisation with a strong track record of community-led youth engagement.

#### **What difference will the project make?**

- Help young people walk away from conflict instead of escalating it
- Reduce the risk of involvement in serious violence and knife-related harm
- Increase awareness of the real-life consequences of poor decision-making
- Build confidence, emotional awareness and resilience
- Contribute to safer, stronger and more connected communities

#### **Who will your project support?**

- Young people aged 14 - 21 across the Bradford district
- Those at risk of disengagement, conflict or negative peer influence
- Individuals from diverse and underserved communities
- Including those who may not traditionally engage with structured services but are at risk of being overlooked

**How much will the project cost? £10,000**

## **Bradford Hate Crime Alliance (BHCA)**

### **Project name: Challenging Online Misogyny and the Manosphere: Community Awareness and Early Intervention**

#### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Increase public awareness of online misogyny, the manosphere, and related misinformation as drivers of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and serious violence.
- Promote access to BHCA's existing online learning courses focused on misogyny, digital literacy, and harmful online narratives.
- Deliver targeted communications and outreach to parents, carers, schools, and community groups across Bradford District.
- Distribute clear, accessible digital and printed materials (videos, posters, leaflets, social media packs) to support early recognition and safer conversations.
- Use community settings (libraries, faith venues, youth hubs, schools) to widen reach and remove barriers to access.

#### **What difference will the project make?**

- Improve understanding of how misogynistic online content can normalise harmful attitudes and escalate into real-world harm.
- Support earlier identification of warning signs linked to coercive control, hostility towards women, and extremist misogynistic narratives.
- Equip parents, professionals, and communities with practical tools to intervene earlier and signpost appropriately.
- Reduce risk factors associated with serious violence by promoting critical thinking and digital resilience.
- Maximise value for money by scaling existing, ready-to-use learning resources rather than developing new content

#### **Who will your project support?**

1. Parents and carers concerned about online influences affecting children and young people.
  2. Schools, education staff, and safeguarding professionals.
  3. Community organisations, faith groups, and voluntary sector partners.
  4. Young people indirectly, through better informed and more confident adults around them.
- Communities disproportionately affected by misogyny, VAWG, and serious violence.

**How much will the project cost? £9,899.99**

## Bradford African Community

**Name of your proposed project: Safer Future Bradford**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- Our proposed project is a community led intervention to tackle knife crime, youth violence and gang exploitation
- Engage young people age 10-18 at risk of exploitation, grooming, gang violence, social isolation and exclusion
- Respond to the growing concerns in Bradford around youth violence
- Offer weekly group activities, discussion and workshop on knife crime awareness

**What difference will the project make?**

- Reduce the risk factors of knife crime, serious violence and gang exploitation
- Increase participation in positive activities
- Improve knowledge of knife crime and exploitation risks
- Increased confidence and resilience
- Improve community safety and cohesion
- Provide early identification and referral pathways for young people at risk exploitation.

**Who will your project support?**

- Young people aged 10- 18 (focus 12-16)
- Refugee and asylum-seeking young people
- Youth from ethnically diverse communities (Predominantly Black African heritage)
- At risk of exploitation, grooming, gang involvement, social isolation and exclusion

**How much will the project cost? £9,700**



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## **IK School of Fine tailoring**

**Name of your proposed project: Stitch by Stitch**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- We will be offering tailoring classes over a 12-week period. These classes will be designed to start with the basics as a way of being inclusive and open to all. These semi-informal activities are aimed at building trust and encourage continued participation.
- The coffee and cake drop-in sessions will offer a safe inclusive safe space to those who are suffering from isolation
- We will offer a supportive, inclusive and safe space where participants can learn new skills, build their confidence, interact and share knowledge and advice and build positive relationships and can connect with peers and trusted adults.

**What difference will the project make?**

- Tackle social issues such as domestic violence, reduce social isolation and the risk of offending among young people who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) or at risk of becoming NEET.
- The aim of these classes is to build confidence, build new skills and empower as a means of creating skills to support livelihoods and employability, hobbies and interests, teamwork and engagement in positive activity.
- Allow individuals to learn new skills which they will take back to their homes and communities.

**Who will your project support?**

- All sessions are open to all 18+, male and female with a class size of 12 participants
- Individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing social isolation

**How much will the project cost? £7,616**



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## Future Transformation CIC

**Name of your proposed project: Safe Online, Safe Offline**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- Deliver a practical serious violence prevention programme for young people in Bradford.
- Run 8–12 weekly sessions in community settings using interactive, trauma-informed activities.
- Help young people recognise and respond safely to exploitation, coercion, online grooming and harmful peer pressure.
- Cover topics including VAWG awareness, healthy relationships, boundaries, bystander skills and personal safety.
- Provide 1–2 parent/carer sessions on warning signs, early help and local support routes.

**What difference will the project make?**

- Increase young people's awareness of serious violence risks and safe actions.
- Build confidence, resilience and decision-making so young people are less vulnerable to exploitation.
- Improve knowledge of support pathways for young people and families.
- Strengthen positive peer networks and engagement in safe community-based activities.
- Support progression into positive pathways (e.g. coding clubs, volunteering, mentoring and skills opportunities).

**Who will your project support?**

- Young people aged 11–18 in Bradford (with flexibility for older young people where appropriate).
- Young people at risk of exclusion, low confidence, disengagement or vulnerability to exploitation/coercion.
- Young people affected by online harm, unsafe relationships or harmful peer influence.
- Parents/carers and trusted adults who need support to spot early warning signs.
- Underserved communities facing barriers to access, confidence or opportunity.

**How much will the project cost? £10,000**



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# Calderdale district



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## Halifax Boxing, Sports and Fitness Club

### Name of your proposed project: North Halifax Youth Safety Project

#### What will your proposed project do?

- Go out into parks and local hotspots to engage young people at risk
- Build trust and encourage young people into positive activities
- Provide free boxing sessions, gym access, and one-to-one mentoring
- Offer a safe space with trusted adults and structured activities
- Support young people into an 8-week employability programme with pathways into training or work

#### What difference will the project make?

- Reduce the number of young people at risk of serious violence
- Make parks and streets safer for the whole community
- Give young people positive activities and a safe place to go
- Improve confidence, wellbeing, and life skills
- Help young people move into training, employment, or volunteering

#### Who will your project support?

- Young people aged 12–18 in North Halifax
- Those at risk of serious violence, exploitation, or getting involved in crime
- Young people spending time in parks and on the streets
- Those not engaging with school or other services
- The wider community, by improving safety and reducing antisocial behaviour

#### How much will the project cost? £10,000

## **Consortium of: Mixenden Community Partnership, Goldfish SEND Support CIC, Holy Nativity Church**

### **Name of proposed project: The Tackling Serious Violence Across North Halifax Partnership**

#### **What will your proposed project do?**

5. Provide a partnership approach for a holistic solution for tackling serious violence in North Halifax.
6. Increasing our community's awareness for the warning signs of domestic violence, peer pressure/grooming and child on parent abuse/violence
7. Challenge the root causes of serious violence and tackle serious violence on the front line by:
8. Using existing youth provision to challenge attitudes and learnt behaviours and give a counter narrative to the influence of peer pressure and grooming from organised crime (Holy Nativity Church)
9. Deliver workshops to challenge kids learnt behaviours from witnessing domestic violence, through educating families of the warning signs (Mixenden Community Partnership)
10. Work with specialist to deliver workshops that empower and educate parents with deescalation strategies, to reduce children on parent physical

#### **What difference will the project make?**

11. Break the cycle of normalised violence in our community
12. Increase the awareness and support for Child on Parent abuse/violence
13. Bridge the gap between our community and essential services, resulting in more people in need accessing the appropriate services
14. Reduce the domestic violence in our community through education around warning signs
15. Reduce youth crime and ASB in our community through positive role models

## Who will your project support?

16. All families across North Halifax
17. Parents who face child on parent abuse
18. Children who are at risk of being pressured/groomed into serious violence
19. Children at risk of having violence normalised, due to witnessing domestic violence in their home
20. All young people in our communities through increased resilience and awareness of the impacts of serious violence

**How much will this project cost? £23,488.82**

## Unique Community Hub

**Name of your proposed project: "Building Park Ward"**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Reopen the Youth Club to provide a safe space for youth engagement and deter criminal activities.
- Implement educational programmes on violence against women, conflict resolution, and community safety.
- Offer sports activities and workshops led by qualified instructors and experienced youth workers.
- Organise quarterly community events to strengthen bonds and showcase positive contributions from young people.
- Target young people aged 10-18, including those with SEND, and engage parents and partner organisations.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- The project aims to reduce youth crime by providing engaging activities and a safe environment.
- Educational programmes will increase awareness of safety issues and empower informed decision-making among young people.
- It will foster stronger community cohesion, a sense of belonging and unity.
- The initiative will support at-risk youth, providing essential resources and opportunities for personal development.
- Young people will gain skills and confidence to advocate for positive change within their communities.

### **Who will your project support?**

- Young People Aged 10-18
- Individuals with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND):
- Local Residents and Families
- Partner Organisations and Stakeholders
- Community as a Whole

**How much will the project cost? £19,000**

## Halifax Street Angels

**Name of your proposed project: Halifax Street Angels**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- We are a charity working in Halifax Town Centre Saturday evenings to meet the needs of those who have become vulnerable on a night out.
- We work to meet the needs of those who have been spiked, are victims of crime or those who have had too much to drink and as a consequence is in need of support.
- We are in our 20th year of working to make Halifax a safe place to be. Every year we provide around 13,000 volunteer hours and help approximately 3,000 people.

**What difference will the project make?**

- Accidents happen on nights out, whether it's stepping on a broken bottle or having too much to drink. All Street Angels volunteers are trained in basic first aid.
- All our Street Angels have one thing in common – we love helping people. You can always be assured of a friendly smile and a sympathetic ear if you bump into one of our volunteers on a night out

**Who will your project support?**

- We're here if you need a chat, advice, help getting a taxi or a shoulder to lean on. All our volunteers are friendly and happy to help. Everyone who patrols for us is background checked for your piece of mind.
- We're here to help for practical matters. We have thousands of pairs of disposable flip-flops, for when walking in your heels is just too painful. We're also equipped with portable mobile phone chargers in case you've run out of battery and need to make a call urgently.

**How much will the project cost? £5,000**



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## Newground Together

### Name of your proposed project: Call It Out

#### What will your proposed project do?

- Empower young people to have positive and healthy relationships. Provide a safe space to explore topics, understand what is & is not okay, build confidence in challenging negative behaviour and encourage informed choices about their safety and wellbeing.
- Interventions will be delivered over 12 weeks on issues raised by young people including:
- Gender Stereotypes – Sexism, bullying, harassment
- Respectful Relationships – What do YP want? Red Flags
- Personal Boundaries in relationships
- Power & Control – Toxic Relationships
- Sexual Health including consent, sexual assault & personal space
- Positive Masculinity – What it means to be a 'man' today
- Supporting one another – Being Active Bystanders, Boys supporting Girls

#### What difference will the project make?

- Young people will demonstrate increased understanding of consent, boundaries, harmful stereotypes, grooming indicators and relationship red flags.
- Boys (and Girls) will show improved recognition of positive masculinity and accountability for challenging harmful behaviours.
- Girls (& boys) will report improved confidence in asserting boundaries and navigating harassment or sexist behaviours.
- Young people will identify trusted adults or services they can turn to for support and report reduced feelings of fear related to personal safety

#### Who will your project support?

- 100 – 150 young people aged 13 – 19 years old across our existing Youth Clubs in Ovenden, Elland, Rastrick, Pellon and Mixenden

#### How much will the project cost? £8,075.80

## Happy Days

### Name of your proposed project: Intensive support for victims and perpetrators

#### What will your proposed project do?

- Through our Winter Shelter and Jubilee House projects, we will offer wraparound support and accommodation to the most vulnerable people in our community.
- We will work with partners to intervene with our residents' mental and physical healthcare, addictions, housing issues, finances and offending behaviour.
- We will build trusting relationships and community, creating person-centred support plans for all, with a trauma-informed approach.
- We will support individual addiction needs, without judgement.

#### What difference will the project make?

- Through practical and non-judgemental support reduce the pressure created by multiple deprivation, which causes crimes of despair.
21. Through drug and alcohol interventions reduce the risk of violent crime linked to emotional instability, and trauma-related behaviours.
- Encourage residents to engage with police and probation teams to meet their responsibilities, saving resources and preventing future offending.
  - Actively contribute to Clear, Hold, Build in Park Ward by offering service members refuge from organised crime, and a pathway of support to rebuild their lives

#### Who will your project support?

- Approximately 40 complex Winter Shelter residents (temporary accommodation) and 7 highly complex Jubilee House residents (long-term intensive support).
- Offenders and victims of crimes including burglaries, sexual assault, domestic abuse, and grievous bodily harm. Often a person is both victim and offender.
- Adults who are homeless, have adverse childhood experiences, addiction, mental ill-health, and who face multiple disadvantages.
- Emergency services, through releasing pressure by de-escalating crisis situations.

#### How much will the project cost? £9,838

## Halifax Panthers Foundation

**Name of your proposed project: Getting Match Fit**

**What will your proposed project do?**

22. Deliver community-based safety workshops on knife crime and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) across schools, Mosques, youth clubs, and community centres.
- Provide culturally responsive sessions for young people, parents, and carers, including gender-specific parent groups.
  - Use trauma-informed interventions and Universal Design for Learning to ensure accessibility for all participants.
  - Facilitate cross-cultural engagement activities to strengthen relationships between diverse community groups.
  - Embed Equality Impact Assessments and continuous community feedback to shape delivery and remove barriers.

**What difference will the project make?**

- Increase understanding of knife crime and VAWG among young people, parents, and wider communities.
  - Build confidence to challenge harmful behaviours and recognise early warning signs.
23. Strengthen trust and cohesion between families, schools, and community organisations.
- Contribute to long-term reductions in risk by shifting attitudes, norms, and safety practice.
  - Provide safe spaces to discuss fears, ask questions, and build practical strategies for staying safe.

**Who will your project support?**

- Young people aged 12+ in schools, youth groups, and faith settings.
- Parents and carers through targeted, culturally sensitive engagement sessions.
- Minority ethnic and migrant families who face additional barriers to accessing support.
- Neurodiverse students and those with SEND through small-group, accessible delivery.
- Local community organisations who benefit from strengthened relationships and shared safety approaches.

**How much will the project cost? £9,750**



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## Calderdale College – Inspire Centre

### Name of your proposed project: Park Ward Positive Pathways Programme

#### What will your proposed project do?

- Deliver a targeted early intervention programme in Park Ward, aligned to Clear Hold Build (Build), strengthening protective factors and creating safer spaces
- Run over 12 months (June 2026 – May 2027)
- Deliver 60 structured sessions across 30 weeks at Calderdale College Inspire Centre
- Provide two weekly sessions for: Years 3–6 – emotional regulation and behaviour support
- Years 7–11 – disengagement and risk reduction
- Use a referral-based model via Park Ward schools for at-risk young people
- Deliver structured sport and activity (football, rugby, basketball, non-contact boxing, outdoor sessions)
- Integrate wellbeing and mentoring with Talk Your Walk
- Provide access to positive role models including coaches, mentors and athletes

#### What difference will the project make?

- Reduce risk factors by strengthening protective factors in vulnerable young people
- Provide early intervention for those at risk of disengagement or behavioural escalation
- Build routine and trusted relationships to support long-term engagement
- Improve emotional regulation, decision-making and self-control
- Increase participation in positive, supervised activity
- Strengthen identity, belonging and positive influences
- Provide safe alternatives to unstructured time
- Support early behavioural intervention (younger) and resilience building (older)
- Contribute to safer communities through prevention and partnerships

#### Who will your project support?

- Years 3–6 at risk of, or attending, alternative provision
  - Years 7–11 experiencing disengagement, behavioural challenges or vulnerability to risk
  - Pupils referred by schools based on identified need
24. Families and carers through improved behaviour and engagement



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Schools will access to targeted early intervention support

- Wider community through safer spaces and reduced behavioural escalation

- Peers through improved classroom stability and reduced negative influence
- The programme is inclusive, supporting young people of all backgrounds, including those facing SEND, socio-economic or cultural barriers

**How much will the project cost? £9,050**

# Kirklees district

## Yorkshire Mentoring and Kirklees Domestic Abuse Specialist Services

**Name of your proposed project: Speak Out**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- Staff Development: Deliver e-learning modules for child-facing staff covering domestic abuse (DA) and coercive control.
- Knowledge Building: Provide twilight training sessions to enhance staff response skills and awareness of local support.
- Student Engagement: Facilitate workshops for Year 4 students (two sessions of 1 hour 20 minutes) for approximately 275+ children.
- System Integration: Host community workshops with support from KDASS to ensure a whole-system approach.
- Sustainability: Distribute legacy packs to participating schools to ensure impact continues post-delivery.

**What difference will the project make?**

- Early Intervention: Addresses the fact that nearly 25% of UK young adults witnessed DA in childhood and 4.5% experienced severe forms.
- Local Impact: Responds to the 34.3% of DA incidents in Kirklees where children were present.
- Practitioner Confidence: Evaluation findings showed 100% of respondents felt confident or very confident identifying signs of abuse.
- Measurable Reach: Targets include 125 staff completing e-learning and 275+ children accessing healthy relationship workshops.

**Who will your project support?**

- Families: Children and their immediate family members.
- Educators: Staff and support staff within schools, nurseries, and community centres.
- Targeted Wards: Residents within the Ashbrow ward and Dewsbury West.

**How much will the project cost? £19,800**

## Yorkshire Youth and Music

**Name of your proposed project:** Youth Music & Mentoring

### What will your proposed project do?

- Provides music-based intervention for vulnerable young people (12–18) referred by youth justice, schools, and CAMHS, helping them express emotions and build positive life choices.
- Uses music making to explore feelings, challenge harmful influences, and improve mental wellbeing and confidence.
- Encourages engagement and community connection by helping young people collaborate and build positive relationships.
- Introduces a peer mentoring programme where trained former participants support new attendees.
- Aims to reduce risk factors such as offending, exploitation and isolation while creating positive role models and stronger, safer local communities.

### What difference will the project make?

- Improved mental health and emotional wellbeing, with young people better able to express feelings safely and manage difficult emotions.
- Reduced involvement in crime and risky behaviours, including less contact with police and greater resistance to exploitation or negative influences.
- Increased confidence, aspirations, and engagement with learning, especially for those who struggle in traditional education settings.
- Stronger social connections and sense of belonging through positive peer groups, mentoring relationships, and community activities.
- More positive role models in the community, as young people progress into peer mentors and support others to make better life choices.

### Who will your project support?

- Vulnerable and high-risk young people aged 12–18 referred by Youth Justice, schools, and CAMHS.
  - Young people at risk of criminal exploitation, offending, or involvement in gangs.
  - Those experiencing mental health challenges, trauma, or emotional and behavioural difficulties.
  - Young people with disrupted education, low engagement in school, or speech, language and communication needs.
25. Those who have worked with us and want to pass on their musical knowledge through the youth mentoring scheme to their peers.





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## Proper Job Theatre Company

**Name of your proposed project:** Empowering Women – Thriving not Surviving

### What will your proposed project do?

- Empower disadvantaged women to take ownership of their future
- Offer one to one support to hear their stories and what could help them
- Co-devise a series of workshops to give the skills and confidence to positively progress
- Test the workshops with identified women and gather feedback
- Roll out the project to other people and areas as well as look for progression roots for the initial cohort

### What difference will the project make?

- Women have the confidence and skills to move away from situations of trauma
- Their children will be less affected from seeing violence in the home
- Children will grow up with a more positive future and be less likely to become perpetrators or victims themselves
- Women will be more able to financially contribute to society
- Create better community cohesion

### Who will your project support?

- Women in domestic violence scenarios
- The children in these situations
- Community groups working in this field
- Sharing knowledge across the communities and partners
- Raising awareness within communities

**How much will the project cost?** £9,885

## Oasis Care Support Services

**Name of your proposed project: Young Women's Support Programme**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- Oasis Care Support Services Ltd proposes to deliver a women-led, community-based intervention designed to support young women 14-25, who are impacted by, or at risk of becoming embroiled in, gang culture, serious violence, exploitation and associated harms.
- Our interventions will adopt a strengths-based, trauma-informed and culturally responsive approach. Young women will be supported to identify their own goals, build confidence and access the right support at the right time. Delivery will be informed by ongoing consultation with participants, community partners and specialist organisations, ensuring that the programme remains responsive to emerging needs.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- The project aims to reduce harm associated with gang involvement and serious violence among young women by
- Improving wellbeing, resilience, safety and access to positive opportunities.
- Strengthen positive identity and aspirations
- Provide safe spaces for discussion and reflection
- Increase access to trauma-informed emotional support
- Identify risk factors and unsafe situations
- Support engagement with education, training and employment
- Understand healthy relationships and boundaries
- Understanding of exploitation and grooming

### **Who will your project support?**

- Women who are impacted by, or at risk of becoming embroiled in,
- Gang culture
- Serious violence,
- Exploitation and associated harms.
- Self-harm
- Low self-esteem mental health challenges arising from trauma
- At risk of long-term unemployment

**How much will the project cost? £9,600**

## **Brackenhall Community Trust Ltd**

### **Name of your proposed project: Earn It, Don't Carry It**

#### **What will your proposed project do?**

26. Deliver a 12-week violence prevention programme for young people aged 16–24 at Northfield Hall
27. Provide practical business and side-hustle skills that create legal income opportunities
28. Offer structured evening sessions in a safe, supervised environment (2 staff present at every session)
29. Teach confidence, decision-making, and non-violent conflict management
30. Ensure every participant leaves with a tangible outcome – a live side-hustle, self-employment pathway, or clear progression plan

#### **What difference will the project make?**

31. Reduce vulnerability to exploitation, gang grooming, and knife carrying
32. Replace street-based status with earned confidence and legitimate income • Increase young people's sense of control, independence, and purpose
33. Provide safe alternatives during higher-risk evening hours
34. Strengthen community safety by addressing causes of violence before harm occurs

#### **Who will your project support?**

35. Young people aged 16–24 in the local area
36. Individuals at risk of disengagement, exploitation, or exposure to street-based harm
37. Young people lacking access to legitimate income opportunities
38. Those needing positive role models, mentoring, and structured support
39. Small cohorts (8–12 participants) to ensure quality, safety, and meaningful outcomes

#### **How much will the project cost? £9,300**

## New Direction Services CIC

**Name of your proposed project: New Directions: Empower Her - Early Intervention, Self defence and wellbeing for women and girls.**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

40. Deliver 40+ weekly self-defence and boxing sessions engaging 100+ participants in structured, positive activity
41. Provide motivational dance combat sessions to build confidence and increase engagement
42. Run weekly wellbeing sessions supporting mental health, resilience and trauma-informed recovery
43. Deliver knife crime awareness workshops covering consequences, situational awareness and de-escalation
44. Provide outreach in schools and community venues with referral pathways through local partners

### **What difference will the project make?**

45. Increase confidence, self-esteem and personal safety awareness in 100+ participants
46. Reduce risk of involvement in knife crime, antisocial behaviour and exploitation
47. Improve mental health, emotional regulation and resilience
48. Increase early help-seeking and engagement with support services
49. Create safer, more connected communities through prevention and early intervention

### **Who will your project support?**

50. Young people aged 11–25 at risk of antisocial behaviour or knife crime
51. Women and girls at risk of domestic abuse, exploitation or low confidence
52. Individuals experiencing isolation, trauma or poor mental health
53. Local schools, youth groups and community organisations eg womencentre
54. Residents across Kirklees, particularly in higher-risk and underserved areas

**How much will the project cost? £9,960**

## **Fourteen19 Social CIC t/a Youth Social**

**Name of your proposed project: Destination: Community Safety Podcast Project**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

55. Work with Kirklees College students to co-produce a suite of digital crime-prevention & safety resources (podcasts and information reels) aimed at teens and young adults
56. Deliver a programme combining youth social action and creative skills development
57. Participants will co-produce and host eight podcasts and 24 information reels on crime and safety issues that affect them and their peers – all content is led by young people interviewing expert guests who can provide insight and trusted information
58. Podcast episodes could include: managing risk & personal safety, drugs/substance abuse, online safety (including extreme narratives), knife crime, peer pressure, police trust, equality, gangs – final choices would be decided by project participants
59. Publish all youth-created content on the Destination webapp (destination.org.uk) and share it via our digital social channels including Instagram and TikTok (over 70K engagements since September 2025) Increase safety, awareness and positive progression for young people

### **What difference will the project make?**

60. Young people will feel safer, more informed and better able to make positive choices
61. Participants will gain a range of employability and creative skills (including increased confidence and communication skills)
62. Young people will be involved in decisions affecting their lives – amplifying youth voices
63. Increased engagement as young people more likely to be engaged in content co-produced by other young people
64. Thousands of young people across Kirklees and West Yorkshire will benefit from lasting, free, accessible digital crime and safety-related resources

### **Who will your project support?**

65. A cohort of around 8-10 young people aged 16-20 at Kirklees College
66. Young people disproportionately affected by violence, exploitation and community safety issues
67. Teens and young adults across Kirklees and West Yorkshire
68. Families, educators, youth workers and community organisations who can use the resources with individual cohorts of young people

**How much will the project cost? £9,888**

## Local Services 2 You

**Name of your proposed project: Northfield Hall Youth Hub**

**What will your proposed project do?**

Our vision, shaped by hundreds of local young people, is “to create a vibrant and inclusive community hub where young people can come together to learn, grow and thrive.” To do this we will:

69. Work with young people and parents in shaping Hub priorities and decision-making.
70. Connect with mental health, careers, training and wellbeing services to create wraparound support.
71. Deliver weekly open access sessions to provide safe, positive activities.
72. Deliver weekly structured sessions for ‘older’ young people on topics such as money management, employability, training and careers
73. Deliver social action projects to make a difference in the community

**What difference will the project make?**

We will create a safe and trusted youth-led space enabling young people to grow and thrive.  
Improved mental health and wellbeing through early intervention.  
Increased engagement in education, training and employment.  
Enhanced community cohesion through youth-led social action and parental involvement.

**Who will your project support?**

Young people aged 11-21 years – we currently have 20-30 young people a week coming along  
Parents and carers of young people

**How much will the project cost? £9,985.62**

## **Gorilla Grappling Academy CIC Name of your Name of your proposed project: Gorilla Positive Pathway**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

74. Deliver a 6-month community no-gi Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and mentorship programme for teenagers, women & girls, and vulnerable adults. Provide 2 structured sessions per week for each pathway in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.
75. Remove barriers to participation by providing funded training, branded participation clothing and equipment.
76. Use structured martial arts training to promote confidence, discipline, wellbeing, resilience and positive social interaction.
77. Create long-term pathways into regular sport, volunteering, mentoring and positive community participation through the academy's existing timetable and programmes. Provide positive role models and supportive coaching within an established community environment

### **What difference will the project make?**

78. Increase participation in positive, structured community activities.
79. Improve confidence, emotional wellbeing and physical activity levels among participants.
80. Reduce isolation by helping participants become part of a supportive community.
81. Encourage long-term positive routines rather than short-term engagement.
82. Support safer communities by providing constructive activities and positive peer environments.
83. Increase opportunities for women and girls to participate in martial arts through dedicated female-led sessions.
84. Help participants develop discipline, resilience, respect and leadership skills that extend beyond sport.

### **Who will your project support?**

85. Teenagers aged 11–17 who may benefit from structured positive activities and supportive peer environments.
86. Women & girls who may face barriers to participating in organised sport and physical activity.
87. Vulnerable adults experiencing low confidence, isolation or limited access to structured activities.
88. Individuals from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds within the local community/Participants who may face financial barriers to accessing long-term sport and wellbeing opportunities.

### **How much will the project cost? £9,910**



## **Penguin Acting & Theatre Productions C.I.C.**

**Name of your proposed project: Bobby**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- Provide a 1-hour workshop to prevent children and young people being drawn into gangs, knife crime and unhealthy relationships.
- 1-hour workshop includes; 30 min theatre performance following the journey of Bobby a 12-year-old boy/girl with 3 alternative endings followed by discussion and opportunities to ask the actors questions in character.
- Visit 30 schools reaching approximately 10,000 children and young people.
- Provide an engaging and memorable way to learn about difficult topics.
- Engage particularly vulnerable children and young people.
- Continue to build on the positive impact this production has made since 2020.

**What difference will the project make?**

89. Empower and equip children and young people with the skills to tackle difficult situations to keep themselves and their friends safe
90. Educate children and young people on the real consequences of carrying a knife
91. Demonstrate the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships
92. Develop and understanding of how gangs use children and young people both male and female so they can recognise warning signs
93. Provide professional acting opportunities for two young people from Kirklees

**Who will your project support?**

94. Children and young people in Years 5,6 and 7
95. Teachers as it will open up discussions with children potentially at risk
96. Local communities by reducing gang and knife crime
97. NHS by reducing knife crime hospital admissions
98. Police by educating children and young people not to get involved
99. Parents/carers as children and young people will be happier

**How much will the project cost? £9,989**



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## Grassroots South Leeds Collab between Champions, Life Experience & Reestablish.

**Name of your proposed project: Choices**

**What will your proposed project do?**

100. Run weekly, year-round, open access youth sessions for 7- to 19-year-olds.
101. Run weekly girls' sessions, 40 weeks of the year.
102. Run weekly, mentoring sessions, 40 weeks of the year, for our most vulnerable YP.
103. Run a youth voice project, utilising film & life skill development sessions.
104. Run educational sessions around knife crime, gangs, county lines, healthy relationships, drugs and alcohol awareness, increasing educated choice.
105. Run termly trips, out of deprivation, that increase life expectations & aspirations.

**What difference will the project make?**

106. Reduce our YPs vulnerability to crime, violence & gang exploitation.
107. Improve community safety and nurture safe places of acceptance & belonging.
108. Increase emotional literacy, physical & emotional wellbeing.
109. Improve life skills, emotional regulation & increase life aspirations and opportunities.
110. Empower our YP to think forwards, find their voice, build their autonomy & make healthy informed choices for their lives.

**Who will your project support?**

111. At least 250 individuals, 7- to 19-year-olds, surrounded by drugs, crime, violence and loss, who are at risk of offending or are vulnerable to exploitation within S.Leeds.
112. Over 45 YP a week will be involved through our additional sessions, year-round.
113. Girls & young women vulnerable to sexual exploitation & relational violence.
114. Boys & young men vulnerable to grooming, gangs and knife crime.
115. Our YPs families and broader community.

**How much will the project cost? £29,926**

## Leeds Women's Aid – Women Friendly Leeds & Leeds City Council – Night Safe Leeds

**Name of your proposed project: Women's Night Safe Space – Safer Parks – Walk Safe App**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- 116. Ensure Women's Night Safe Space continues, a service that has supported over 3,000 women and girls
- 117. Run consultation, engagement and changes in line with Safer Parks Guidance for hot-spots of serious violent crime in Leeds City Centre green spaces.
- 118. Support development and continuation of the WalkSafe App. A free app for everyone to use to feel safer.
- 119. Campaigns on Hate Crime, Darker Nights, Freshers and the Festive Period to support reporting and ensure access to support services.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- 120. Prevent violence against women and girls.
- 121. Support women and girls to get help at night at Women's Night Safe Space.
- 122. Challenge, Educate and Change Misogynistic attitudes and behaviours.
- 123. Increase women and girls feeling able and safe to report hate and harassment.
- 124. Prevent crime in City Centre Parks.
- 125. Develop the WalkSafe App. 58% of women want a safety app to; show support services, have anonymous community and venue reporting and show venue safety information like; Ask for Angela and Spiking Training. WFL Safety Survey

### **Who will your project support?**

- 126. Women and Girls
- 127. People visiting, working and living in Leeds City Centre
- 128. Young People
- 129. Trans+ People

**How much will the project cost? £19,997.92**



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## Getaway Girls

**Name of your proposed project: Harehills girls & young women's safe space project**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- 130. To Project will establish Safe Space support through targeted groupwork and Individual support at The Hills, Getaway Girls new satellite base in Harehills.
- 131. The project will offer: 6 x 8 week targeted young women's early intervention group work programmes delivered for girls from Harehills
- 132. 15 young women supported through Individual support x 8 weeks for Harehills young women targeted through referrals and Getaway Girls outreach and groups
- 133. Additional support through Getaway Girls other services
- 134. Voice and Influence opportunities. Young women's voices -safety issues

### **What difference will the project make?**

- 135. Increased knowledge of issues affecting young women relating to safety e.g. coercive and controlling behaviour
- 136. Increased awareness risk situations, own safety and self-worth, safety plans.
- 137. Increased positive support networks
- 138. Young women's Voices amplified - Young women's voices resource produced.
- 139. All work monitored and evaluated to show the difference made.

### **Who will your project support?**

- 140. 72 young women aged from Harehills aged 13-18 from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds will participate in 8 week group work programmes.
- 141. 15 young women from Harehills aged 13-18 from diverse cultural backgrounds will be supported through 8 weeks of individual support work.
- 142. Participation within partnerships/ networks

**How much will the project cost? £9,992**

## The Youth Association

### Name of your proposed project: StreetSafe

#### What will your proposed project do?

143. Deliver weekly street-based detached youth work in Harehills, providing 100+ additional hours of engagement in high-risk locations
144. Tailored program around young people's hobbies and interest. Using creative and youth-led approach (sports, arts, music, spoken word, adopt the outdoors, podcasting, campaigns)
145. Interactive workshops on topics Around StreetSafe, Her Future and Future Man topics.
146. Engage with young people that may have disengaged from education, training, or mainstream youth provision, or who do not regularly access statutory services.
147. Partnership with local services and community safety

#### What difference will the project make?

148. Increased contact with positive influences, positive role models and positive experiences, where their environment is lacking the above.
149. Improved understanding of the 'mechanics' of Child Criminal Exploitation, including how young people are groomed, and how this may be happening in your area · Improved understanding of masculinity, particularly around aggression and emotions in men, mental health, violence against women and girls, body image and the influence of social media and music
150. Young people to have a voice within their community to make changes
151. Increased feelings of pride, achievement and safety

#### Who will your project support?

152. Young people aged 11–19 living in Harehills and surrounding areas.
153. Young people most exposed to risk factors associated with violence, exploitation, and criminal involvement.
154. Young men & women navigating risk, identity, and relationships, including VAWG, coercive control, or unhealthy relationships, and young men affected by harmful masculinity norms, peer pressure, anger, and identity challenges. Indirectly, the project will also support families and the wider community by contributing to reduced harm, improved safety, and stronger positive youth presence in the neighbourhood.

**How much will the project cost? £9,907.62**



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## **HawaDal Peace of Mind**

**Name of your proposed project: Female Genital Mutilation Awareness Project**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- 155. Prevent female genital mutilation (FGM)
- 156. Reduce FGM-related harm
- 157. Strengthen safeguarding responses across Leeds
- 158. Events: Community sessions: Awareness raising (50), women-only safe space sessions (10) providing targeted services for parents and carers with referral options; Professional Event (20)

### **What difference will the project make?**

- 159. Increase understanding of FGM and its consequences
- 160. Empower women and girls to access support safely
- 161. Engage parents and families in preventative dialogue
- 162. Strengthen community-level awareness of safeguarding responsibilities
- 163. Contribute to long-term cultural change and protection

### **Who will your project support?**

- 164. Women and girls from communities affected by or at risk of FGM living in Leeds
- 165. Wider community members and trusted community figures within organisations
- 166. Parents and carers through their critical role in prevention and protection
- 167. Volunteers through training within their role within this project

**How much will the project cost? £9,687.65**



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## Oblong

### **Name of your proposed project: A Safer Woodhouse**

#### **What will your proposed project do?**

- 168. Accessible martial arts and self-defence courses
- 169. Community training on violent crime
- 170. Reflective and preventative work with ex-offenders, one to one and in small groups
- 171. Trauma informed interpersonal training on healthy boundaries and non-violent conflict resolution for the wider community

#### **What difference will the project make?**

- 172. Increase awareness of knife crime with school age young people so they can avoid risks and seek help effectively if they are concerned
- 173. Build confidence, self-awareness and skills via martial arts with people who wouldn't otherwise attend martial arts classes.
- 174. Increase stability and improve strategies to avoid violence with ex-offenders e.g. communication, conflict resolution, non- violent self defence
- 175. Enable the wider community to learn more about trauma informed, non- violent conflict resolution.

#### **Who will your project support?**

- 176. Young people attending Leeds City Academy
- 177. Local people who are young people, women or people financially excluded from private martial arts classes
- 178. Local people with a history of offending
- 179. Local people interested in conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques
- 180. People who feel they are at risk locally from violent crime

#### **How much will the project cost? £9,999.03**

## Empower Her English CIC

### Name of your proposed project: Empower Her World

#### What will your proposed project do?

181. We provide specialised coaching to master the vocabulary of UK rights, citizenship, and essential services.
182. We empower survivors to identify and report modern slavery and domestic abuse, moving from isolation to security.
183. We bridge the gap between survival and independence through creative micro-enterprise pilots and a supportive business ecosystem.
184. We improve local female mortality rates by helping mothers navigate healthcare systems and overcome poor housing conditions.

#### What difference will the project make?

185. Women can identify and report abuse directly to police and GPs without relying on translators
186. Removes language barriers to enable independent medical advocacy, directly tackling high preventable mortality rates in Harehills.
187. Transitions women from welfare to financial autonomy through social entrepreneurship pilots and safe, women-led employment.
188. Connects isolated women into a monitored peer support network, significantly reducing opportunities for predatory exploitation.
189. Employs a self-sustaining peer-mentor model that reduces the burden on public services by teaching digital literacy and UK rights.

#### Who will your project support?

190. Trauma survivors to identify coercive control and access professional support independently.
191. Mothers to make independent communication with GPs, tackling preventable illness and maternal health risks.
192. Women in crisis and poverty to move toward social and financial autonomy.
193. Mothers to navigate digital systems and legal rights, improving housing security and long-term outcomes for children.
194. New arrivals to ensure safe UK integration.

#### How much will the project cost? £9,012.80

## Women's Whispers

**Name of your proposed project: Breaking the Cycle: Supporting Women and Children to Move from Surviving to Thriving**

### What will your proposed project do?

195. Deliver trauma-informed counselling, advocacy, and wellbeing support for women affected by abuse
196. Provide safety planning, legal and justice support through dedicated IDVA and ISVA services
197. Support women facing cultural, language, and isolation barriers through interpreters and culturally informed delivery
198. Run therapeutic peer-support groups and emotional support for children affected by trauma

### What difference will the project make?

199. Increase safety and reduce repeat victimisation
200. Improve access to support, justice, and recovery pathways
201. Reduce isolation, fear, and trauma
202. Improve wellbeing, confidence, and resilience for women and children

### Who will your project support?

203. Women affected by domestic abuse, sexual violence, and honour-based abuse
204. Women facing multiple barriers to accessing support
205. Survivors at risk of returning to abusive environments
206. Children and young people affected by abuse and trauma
207. Underserved communities across Leeds

**How much will the project cost? £9,260**



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Reflections Yorkshire CIC, Dance United Yorkshire, Castleford Boxing Academy CIC

**Name of your proposed project: Rise Through Sport**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- 208. Boxing training to build discipline, routine and physical confidence
- 209. Movement-based workshops to support emotional awareness and regulation
- 210. Mentoring and peer support from trusted adults with real-life experience

**What difference will the project make?**

- 211. Reduce the risk of young people and vulnerable adults becoming involved in serious violence, anti-social behaviour and exploitation
- 212. Provide safe, structured activities during peak-risk times when individuals are most vulnerable
- 213. Improve mental health, emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation through movement and mentoring
- 214. Increase access to trusted adult mentors with lived experience who understand the challenges participants face

**Who will your project support?**

- 215. Young people aged 10–25 who are at risk of serious violence or anti-social behaviour
- 216. Individuals experiencing poor mental health, low confidence or emotional difficulties
- 217. Individuals affected by trauma, adverse childhood experiences or unstable home environments

**How much will the project cost? £20,860**



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## Talk Your Walk CIC

### Name of your proposed project: 8-Week Reduce Reoffending Rehabilitation Programme

#### What will your proposed project do?

- 218. Deliver a proven 8-week rehabilitation programme inside HMP Wakefield
- 219. Work with individuals before release to change mindset, behaviour and decision-making
- 220. Use real-life experience, honest conversation and sport to build trust and engagement
- 221. Teach emotional regulation, accountability, communication and conflict management
- 222. Develop leadership, responsibility and positive influence so participants can impact others in their communities

#### What difference will the project make?

- 223. Reduce reoffending and serious violence including knife crimes
- 224. Help individuals take responsibility and make better choices
- 225. Improve confidence, mindset and emotional control
- 226. Give people a realistic plan and purpose for when they leave prison
- 227. Create safer communities across West Yorkshire

#### Who will your project support?

- 228. Men in custody at HMP Wakefield who are at risk of reoffending
- 229. Individuals involved in violence, gangs or criminal exploitation
- 230. People from communities affected by deprivation and inequality
- 231. Individuals dealing with trauma, poor mental health or lack of support
- 232. Communities across West Yorkshire where participants will return

#### How much will the project cost? £9,400



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## **Blossom Training and Development**

**Name of your proposed project: Empower & Protect**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- 233. Six full-day empowerment and personal safety courses for women and girls, focused on confidence, recognising risk, exploitation awareness, boundary setting and accessing support.
- 234. Five anti-weapons workshops delivered in schools and colleges across the district, challenging the normalisation of weapon carrying and promoting safer alternatives.
- 235. Two targeted early-intervention programmes for girls identified by West Yorkshire Police, schools and safeguarding partners as being at heightened risk of gang involvement, grooming or criminal exploitation.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- 236. Increase confidence and personal safety awareness
- 237. Reduce vulnerability to gangs and exploitation
- 238. Challenge attitudes towards weapons and violence
- 239. Strengthen access to trusted support networks
- 240. Create safer communities for women and girls across the district

### **Who will your project support?**

- 241. Women and girls accessing community-based support and empowerment sessions
- 242. Young people in schools and colleges who may be exposed to weapon carrying, peer pressure or serious violence
- 243. Girls identified by West Yorkshire Police Early Intervention teams, schools and safeguarding partners as being at heightened risk of grooming, gang involvement or criminal exploitation. Young people who may be disengaged from mainstream education or community activities and Individuals experiencing low confidence, isolation or vulnerability
- 244. Those who may face additional barriers linked to poverty, trauma, disability, cultural background or adverse childhood experiences

**How much will the project cost? £9,300**

## Turning Point, Wakefield

### Name of your proposed project: Wakefield Mental Health Day 2026

#### What will your proposed project do?

245. We seek funding to deliver Wakefield Mental Health Day 2026, a large-scale, co-designed community wellbeing event at The WX (Wakefield Exchange). The event will bring together over 50 VCSE organisations, public services and community partners to provide accessible early-intervention support and practical guidance for Wakefield residents.
246. Poor mental health, trauma, social isolation and delayed access to support are well-evidenced risk factors associated with serious violence, knife crime, exploitation, domestic abuse and violence against women and girls. Addressing these issues early directly supports the programme's aim to improve community safety and reduce harm.
247. The event uses a proven multi-agency "live search engine" model, enabling residents to access mental health, substance misuse, domestic abuse, youth and trauma-informed services in one trusted space. Activities will include wellbeing checks, lived-experience discussions, creative and physical activities, and short talks on suicide prevention, safety and navigating support systems.

#### What difference will the project make?

248. Reduce serious violence by improving wellbeing, mental health literacy and access to early support, addressing risk factors linked to knife crime, exploitation, domestic abuse and interpersonal violence.
249. Build community resilience and reduce inequality through inclusive, stigma-free pathways into help for residents experiencing mental health challenges, social isolation or disadvantage.
250. Bring together 50+ Wakefield-based VCSE and statutory organisations through an information and support marketplace, strengthening collaboration, referral pathways and local economic benefit.
251. Empower residents through co-design with people with lived experience, peer mentors and volunteers.
252. Deliver wellbeing, creative and family-friendly activities, health checks and peer-led navigation, with accessibility co-designed by lived-experience partners.

#### Who will your project support?

253. Wakefield District Wide, local people with mental health needs — those seeking advice, assessment, or ongoing support. People experiencing social determinants of poor mental health — including those facing housing insecurity, unemployment, or social isolation. People seeking holistic wellbeing support — e.g., mindfulness, physical activity, complementary therapies.

#### How much will the project cost? £3,616

## **iSpace5**

### **Name of your proposed project: iSpace - Safe Space**

#### **What will your proposed project do?**

- 254. Work with girls between 11 – 18yrs old on a 1:1 basis.
- 255. Deliver girls groups – Expect Respect 6-week Program.

#### **What difference will the project make?**

- 256. Empower girls to recognise healthy v's unhealthy relationships.
- 257. Improve knowledge and understanding around implementing boundaries to keep safe.
- 258. Raise awareness of risky situations, develop tools to reduce vulnerability to criminal exploitation.
- 259. Improve self-esteem, confidence and communication,
- 260. Reduce risk of criminal activity and entering the criminal justice system.

#### **Who will your project support?**

- 261. Direct- Girls between 11 – 18yrs old.
- 262. Parents/careers will have contact details of staff allowing them to seek advice/support throughout the time working with their young person.

#### **How much will the project cost? £9,750**



**Name of your proposed project: Life's Opportunities**

**What will your proposed project do?**

- 263. Deliver 20, whole year presentations in schools and colleges reaching 6,000+ young people with messages on knife crime, gangs, drugs and joint enterprise.
- 264. Run 20 detached youth work sessions in identified evening hotspot areas, engaging 200+ young people at risk of becoming involved in or affected by crime.
- 265. Provide trusted guidance from youth workers, helping young people understand peer pressure, exploitation, victim impact and consequences of offending.
- 266. Create safe spaces for discussion, awareness and signposting, while working alongside schools, Wakefield Council and the WYP to target local need.

**What difference will the project make?**

- 267. Young people able to make informed choices and see more positive 'Life's opportunities' for their future.
- 268. Awareness of the impact of crime on victims, families & communities will increase.
- 269. Early intervention will help divert young people away from antisocial behaviour and crime, especially in hotspot areas.
- 270. Residents and communities will benefit from improved safety, stronger relationships and more positive youth engagement.

**Who will your project support?**

- 271. Children and young people aged 8–18 across Wakefield in secondary schools, colleges and community hotspot areas.
- 272. Young people from low-income families and those at risk of crime, exploitation or antisocial behaviour.
- 273. Diverse communities, including young people with additional vulnerabilities who may need inclusive and trusted support.

**How much will the project cost? £10,000**



## **Pro RL Clubs Partnership (Castleford Tigers Foundation, Wakefield Trinity Community Foundation and Featherstone Rovers Foundation)**

**Name of your proposed project: TRY FUTURES**

### **What will your proposed project do?**

- 274. Meet the Outcomes of the Peoples Fund using early intervention and behaviour change to tackle serious violence
- 275. Reduce the risk by delivering a 12-week early-intervention programme in Wakefield schools.
- 276. Use rugby league's trusted influence, brand and power of sport to engage young people who don't respond to traditional services.
- 277. Build skills, confidence, safer decision making through classroom and practical sport.
- 278. Strengthen school, family, community partnerships to support long-term behaviour change.

### **What difference will the project make?**

- 279. Improved behaviour, attendance and engagement for pupils at risk.
- 280. Increased awareness of consequences and safer choices around ASB, relationships and knife crime.
- 281. Stronger community safety and trust through positive role models and consistent support.
- 282. Long term pathways into volunteering, youth voice, sport and wider Foundation programmes.
- 283. USP: Young people who respond best to trusted sporting brands - the Foundations' credibility opens doors that statutory services often cannot.

### **Who will your project support?**

- 284. Year 8 and 9 boys identified by schools as at risk of ASB, poor attendance or emerging vulnerabilities.
- 285. Young people in Wakefield's most deprived neighbourhoods and communities affected by crime.
- 286. Families and school staff who benefit from coordinated support and improved communication.
- 287. The wider community through reduced ASB and increased safety, confidence and cohesion.
- 288. Supports WYCA Police & Crime Plan by delivering early intervention, improving community safety and contributing to the Serious Violence Strategy and Clear, Hold, Build framework.

**How much will the project cost? £29,400**



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## Rosalie Ryrie Foundation

### Name of your proposed project: Footsteps

#### What will your proposed project do?

- 289. Retain an experienced manager to oversee the daily running of the project.
- 290. Supported by Colleagues with lived experience.
- 291. Continue to deliver an established service within the community.
- 292. Reduce barriers for support around behaviours.
- 293. Group and family work when they have nowhere else to turn.

#### What difference will the project make?

- 294. Change negative behaviours for families and the community.
- 295. Increase awareness of parental negative behaviours can have on children.
- 296. Reduce incidents within the home and community.
- 297. Increase positive choices and reactions.
- 298. In the past 18 month we have supported 35 children to return home.

#### Who will your project support?

- 299. We will support over 300 people within the community the coming year.
- 300. Men
- 301. Women
- 302. Children
- 303. No age limit

#### How much will the project cost? £10,000





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