

## **Mayor's Safer Communities Fund Grant Round 8 Project Descriptions**

### **Bradford District**

#### **1. Wellness Learning Hub Ltd - Hope & Healing – Bradford (Bradford East West Bowling Wards) £6,684.00**

This project supports Black and Minority Ethnic women and girls affected by domestic abuse and honour-based violence, aligning with Keeping People Safe and the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy. The organisation educates communities about domestic violence, reduce its incidence, and offer tailored support through agency partnerships. The project offers workshops that reduce isolation and foster healing.

#### **2. 1st Action UK - Blades Down – Bradford (Little Horton Ward) £7,708.00**

1st Action UK engages vulnerable boys to tackle serious violence, including knife crime, drug-related harm, gang culture, hate crime, and abuse towards women and girls. The organisation works with local schools to identify boys showing early signs of vulnerability, creating a safe, supportive space, the project empowers young people to make better choices and envision a future beyond violence. Aligned with the "Keeping People Safe" strategy, promoting early intervention, education, and community empowerment.

#### **3. Bevan Community Benefit Society - Wellbeing After Dark – Bradford (Bradford City Ward) £9,060.00**

Wellbeing After Dark provides trauma-informed health and wellbeing support to sex-working women via the Bevan Bus. Fostering safety and trust, the organisation helps prevent further harm and support early intervention in partnership with local safeguarding and policing teams. This project contributes to the Safety of Women and Girls strategy by building safer spaces, improving access to justice, and supporting some of West Yorkshire's most marginalised women.

#### **4. Action for Sport - "The Prevent "Project – Bradford (Shipley, Clayton & Fairweather, Tong, Little Horton, Great Horton, Manningham, Heaton Wards) £10,000.00**

Action for Sport keeps young people safe and prevents involvement in knife crime by mentoring and improving emotional, mental and physical health. An ex-Prison/Police Officer will provide sessions on knife crime prevention, bringing doctors/consultants who repair the physical damage caused by knives.

#### **5. West Yorkshire Police (Prison IOM Hub) - Junior Detectives – Bradford (Bradford City Ward) £7,461.60**

Junior Detectives is an anti-knife crime intervention which works with young people and partners from Bradford Royal Infirmary, Bradford Crown Court and policing specialists. The project helps pupils become Knife Crime Ambassadors and undertake tasks to present to their fellow pupils. The project provides data on changing opinions, levels of confidence and feelings towards the police.

**6. Dance United Yorkshire - Bradford Women's Company – Bradford (Bradford City Ward) £9,750.00**

The project offers a safe supportive environment in which women with experience of domestic abuse, trauma, poverty, exclusion, and/or isolation can recover and heal through social connection and embodied practice, including dance and creative movement.

**7. All Saints Landmark Centre - Digital Drop In – Bradford (Bradford City, Little Horton, Great Horton, and Wibsey Wards) £9,992.40**

The project Digital Drop In is a free, open access service where anybody can access help with their digital devices or improve their digital skills. The Organisation provides essential skills training, helping people get started using the internet on their computers or phones, as well as problem solving, and supporting people when they need to use the internet at key life moments such as when they need to apply for benefits, jobs, or British citizenship. A key part of the work ensures that learners gain the skills to stay safe and secure in their online life; including keeping accounts secure and recognising threats like scams and malware.

**8. ZA Community - Empower & Elevate: Beauty, Confidence & Community – Bradford (Little Horton Ward) £6,525.00**

Through weekly beauty and well-being sessions, ZA Community create safe, inclusive spaces where women can build confidence, access support, and form peer networks. The sessions help women recognise abuse, understand their rights, and connect with services, especially those facing stigma, language barriers, or fear. The project uplifts women, reduces isolation, and builds a stronger, more resilient community.

**9. Hollings Youth - Youth Focus 2.0 – Bradford (Manningham Ward) £9,798.00**

The project reduces anti-social behaviour, drug misuse and road incidents. Using a trauma-informed, Child First approach, Hollings Youth create safe, inclusive spaces that build confidence and resilience. The project raises awareness around substance misuse and encourages youth leadership, strengthens communities, and supports safer, more cohesive neighbourhoods.

**10. UpCycle (Margaret Carey Foundation) - Gearing Up for Work – Bradford (Shipley and Bradford City) £9,955.00**

The project offers five graduates who are already in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system, paid work experience in the Community Bike Shop. The paid placements deepen their skills and move towards employment. The trainees carry out repairs, serve customers, manage stock, and log technical and transferable skills. The project also offers the trainees the refurbished bike to keep, and they receive a written reference to be signposted to employers for further training.

**11. Step 2 Young People's Health - Community Safety Champions Programme – Bradford (Tong, Bowling and Barkerend, Little Horton, Great Horton, Wibsey, Royds Wards) £6,233.00**

The project sessions recognise signs of early abuse in relationships, both on and offline, and where to access support if needed. The sessions include training on adverse childhood experiences, basic teaching skills, group work skills and presentation skills. The focus is on areas with high rates of domestic abuse, based on operation encompass data.

**12. Bradford Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Survivors Service - Young Women & Girls (YW&G) social media Project – Bradford (Bradford City Ward) £9,544.00**

The project works with young women and girl survivors to identify and develop a social media presence for the YW&G service. The project uses social media platforms to raise awareness and shares key messages around the subject of sexual violence/abuse in an arena where young people are most likely to see it. This engagement helps young victim/survivors access the specialist support they need and prevent re-victimisation. The project is by young survivors for young survivors.

**13. ANAH PROJECT LTD - Anah Project – Bradford (Clayton & Fairweather Green Wards) £4,900.00**

Anah Project provides crisis intervention and preventative support and accommodation to women and girls escaping all forms of violence and abuse. The service ensures women and girls are free from abuse and are able to meet their support needs in a safe space without the fear of further harm and victimisation.

**Calderdale District**

**14. Project Colt - Inspire and Achieve – Calderdale (All Calderdale Wards) £9,840.00**

The project supports local vulnerable and marginalised adults including offenders, ex-offenders, recovering addicts and the long-term unemployed to achieve employment and healthy, sustainable lives. This innovative combination of therapeutic and practical support helps beneficiaries to build employability, confidence, resilience and motivation which reduces relapse into addiction and/or crime and helps vulnerable adults to reintegrate into day-to-day life.

**15. The Art & Soul Project - Soulful Journeys – Calderdale (Park Ward) £8,857.50**

The Art & Soul Project delivers therapeutic art sessions for Black and Minority Ethnic women and girls affected by domestic abuse and honour-based violence. The project provides a safe, culturally sensitive space for healing, reducing isolation, and building resilience. Through creative expression, group discussions, and educational workshops, participants develop confidence, recognise signs of abuse, and explore healthy coping strategies. The project contributes to the wider West Yorkshire strategy to prevent and address violence against women and girls, while strengthening long-term community resilience

**16. Calderdale College - Park Ward Women's Wellness Centre – Calderdale (Clear Hold Build) (Park Ward) £9,430.00**

The Women's Wellness Centre is a culturally safe and community-led space to support physical, emotional and social wellbeing. The centre offers structured, themed programming that empowers women, builds resilience and fosters leadership and connection. At the heart of the Wellness Centre, the space offers domestic abuse support, with prevention, education, awareness and safety.

**17. West Yorkshire Police, CD Halifax NPT Team 3, Safer Student Partnership Officer - Walk and Talk – Calderdale (All Calderdale Wards) £1,578.68**

The project provides a safe setting for students with neurodivergent needs, focusing on the development of transferable interpersonal skills. The project supports personal growth, encouraging students to develop a new skill such as first aid, plus opportunities to volunteer in the community by tackling ASB and littering. The project focuses on recognising risk and vulnerabilities to prevent students from being exploited or becoming victims of crime, promoting personal safety and allowing the students to thrive.

**18. Unmasked Mental Health - Support for Victims and Witnesses of Crime – Calderdale (Town, Illingworth and Mixenden, Brighouse, Elland, Sowerby Bridge, Calder) £10,000**

The project supports victims of crime, including domestic abuse, assault, harassment, and those who have witnessed traumatic events resulting in anxiety and fear. Unmasked Mental Health help individuals navigate the emotional impact of crime, rebuild their mental health, and feel safe and supported within their communities. The fully trained volunteers, many with lived experience, run welcoming, non-judgemental hubs in accessible locations across Calderdale. These safe spaces enable people to connect, share, and recover together, reducing isolation, anxiety, and fear. The peer-led approach builds confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

**Kirklees District**

**19. Yorkshire Wellbeing Skills Group - Breaking Silence-A space to speak, heal, and rise – Kirklees (Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward) £7,550.00**

The project creates a safe, supportive environment where Black and Minority Ethnic women and girls affected by domestic abuse and honour-based violence can begin to heal. It aligns “Keeping People Safe” and supports the wider strategy on Violence Against Women and Girls. The projects allows women to come together, share lived experiences, support one another, and raise awareness to help prevent future harm.

**20. Independent Children and Families Services (ICAFS) - Her Right, Her Voice – Kirklees (Dalton Ward) £8,826.00**

ICAFS delivers free, independent, impartial, community-based welfare and debt advice. The service supports families, especially vulnerable women experiencing economic abuse, where an abuser controls and restricts a woman's ability to

acquire, use, and maintain money. Economic abuse leaves women feeling hopeless and trapped. This abuse causes long-term financial harm and emotional distress. The project offers a safe, trusted environment for women to regain financial control and build independence.

**21. Skelmanthorpe Youth Club - HD8 Youth Provision – Kirklees (Denby Dale Ward) £8,976.00**

The project is aimed at those at risk or identified as in need of intervention, using positive activities as a deterrent, and providing a point of access for young people in need of further support. This also includes support for Upper Dearne Valley Navigators, a volunteer-run youth group offering a wide range of activities to help build independence along with a sense of community.

**22. Penguin Acting & Theatre Productions - Girls Matter – Kirklees (Mirfield Ward) £7,492.00**

Girls Matter is an open youth provision providing a safe space for teenage girls to just be girls. Young females are vulnerable to exploitation, violence, low self-esteem and poor mental health. The project builds their resilience and self-worth by providing a safe space to be themselves, explore their identity, make new friends, engage in worthwhile projects, focus on mental health and healthy relationships.

**23. Fusion Housing Kirklees Ltd - Fusion HOMEs – Kirklees (All Kirklees Wards) £9,747.00**

Fusion Housing supports individuals who are rough sleeping, focusing particularly on EU Migrants with and without settled status. Rough Sleepers are extremely marginalised, facing serious risks, including exploitation, involvement in crime, and poor health. The project reduces these risks by offering person-centred, trauma-informed support that helps individuals move towards safety, stability, and community integration. The project helps individuals take steps towards permanent housing and stable employment.

**Leeds District**

**24. Amal Eritrean community in Leeds - Knife-Free Futures: Youth Awareness, Football Engagement and Crime Prevention Programme – Leeds (Clear Hold Build) (Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, and Harehills Wards) £6,538.00**

This project uses football as a tool for early intervention and crime prevention. The sessions are supported by knife crime and exploitation awareness for Eritrean and other refugee-background youth. The sessions are structured to combine sport with safety education. Community police and youth mentors engage with young people to build trust, address antisocial behaviour and raise awareness of the consequences of crime. This project addresses knife crime, ASB, and vulnerability to exploitation through positive engagement and trusted relationships.

**25. RETAS Leeds - Law Literacy – Leeds (Clear Hold Build) (Gipton and Harehills Wards) £10,000.00**

This is a responsive and trauma informed teaching method developed as early intervention for newly arrived asylum seekers housed in contingency accommodation at risk of offending and becoming victims of crime. The project embeds language and digital skills outlining the steps to refugee status, UK laws, defining crime and how to be an active citizen. The client group are particularly vulnerable of engaging with organised criminals due to boredom, lack of awareness of the UK and poverty.

**26. CFYDC (Chapeltown Youth Development Centre) (Chance) - G.A.N.G. – Guiding A New Generation - Friday night Youth Engagement Football programme – Leeds (Cross Gates and Whinmoor Wards) £9,500.00**

The project delivers football sessions for boys at risk of gang involvement. This targeted youth engagement intervention project reduces the risk of gang affiliation, youth violence and antisocial behaviour. The project improves confidence, teamwork and discipline through football and builds trust between young people and professionals.

**27. Let's Do More CIC - LDM Trauma-Informed Basketball Project — Pilot Version – Leeds (Chapel Allerton, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Roundhay Wards) £8,170.90**

The Trauma-Informed Basketball Project pilot uses basketball as a positive outlet to engage vulnerable young people at risk of offending, exclusion, or poor mental health. Sessions help participants build confidence, resilience, and emotional wellbeing, reducing risk behaviours and supporting positive pathways into education, training, volunteering, or employment. This pilot tests and refines the model, builds evidence of impact, and creates a strong foundation for future scaling across Leeds to help create safer communities and brighter futures.

**28. Leeds Jewish Housing Association - Be Well and Be Strong – Leeds (Alwoodley and Moortown Wards) £3,960.00**

The project supports female residents to safeguard themselves against verbal or physical harassment. The project is based around lifesaving, self-defence, empowerment and health and well-being, with a combination of security, support and education-related initiatives. The project involves physical self-defence training, confidence and empowerment techniques, and arts, crafts and well-being-related activities. These activities will channel emotions, fears and hopes surrounding violence against women and girls.

**29. Leeds City Council, Community Safety Services - Active Bystander Training for Young People – Leeds (All Leeds wards) £9,954.87**

Leeds City Council delivers training to young people, equipping them with the confidence and skills to safely challenge harmful behaviours and support their peers. Young people are at the heart of designing and delivering the training, ensuring it is relevant, engaging, and impactful. The project empowers young people to take positive action, fosters safer, more inclusive environments and nurtures future

leaders. The co-production approach not only enhances the training's effectiveness but also builds young people's confidence, leadership, and communication skills.

**30. Voluntary Action Leeds - Safeguarding core offer – Leeds (Clear Hold Build) (All Leeds wards) £9,988.00**

The project helps to maintain the organisations core safeguarding offer, which strengthens safeguarding practices across diverse West Yorkshire communities. This vital service helps protect children, young people and vulnerable adults. This work helps community organisations keep people safe and respond confidently to safeguarding concerns.

**31. Lingfield Living Local & Moortown West Community Association - Thriving Communities – Leeds (Alwoodley Ward) £10,000.00**

The project supports a Project Manager to sustain the organisation's essential community services. These include a food pantry, stay & play toddler group, youth and boxing groups, karate, lunch and craft clubs, community café, and young people's mental health support. The diverse community faces multiple disadvantages including poverty, county lines exploitation and anti-social behaviour.

**32. Chapel FM Arts Centre / Heads Together Productions - Bridges Not Borders: Diffusing Hate Around Asylum Seeker Presence in Seacroft – Leeds (Seacroft & Killingbeck Wards) £9,770.00**

Chapel FM Arts Centre work with Neighbourhood Policing Teams, local councillors, the MP, the We Are Seacroft community anchor network to produce a weekly radio/podcast show featuring voices of asylum seekers and long-time residents in order to increase understanding and dispel false information. Chapel FM also host weekly "Cultural Café" conversations over lunch cooked by asylum seekers and meet asylum seekers face-to-face to discuss and dispel rumours and fears, reducing tensions that otherwise might spark conflict and violence.

**33. Women's Whispers - Safe Voices, Strong Futures – Leeds (All Leeds wards) £10,000.00**

Safe Voices, Strong Futures create a safe, inclusive space for women and girls from ethnically diverse backgrounds who are at risk of or have experienced violence, coercion, or trauma. The project offers facilitated creative workshops, peer support circles, and culturally sensitive outreach. The project also tackles hidden harm, such as coercive control and exploitation; through trauma-informed support, community education, and early intervention workshops. Whispers deliver practical help and emotional safety, improving resilience, belonging, and access to long-term support pathways. Women are supported to share their stories, build trusted relationships, and move forward with dignity and strength.

**34. CATCH Leeds - Unite Her – Leeds (Clear Hold Build) (Gipton & Harehills and Little London & Woodhouse Wards) £9,860.00**

Unite Her supports female students and staff through women-only fitness, wellbeing, and career-readiness workshops, addressing discomfort reported in mixed-gender

sessions. In response to gender safety concerns and community unrest, Unite Her extends its reach through CATCH, engaging vulnerable and marginalised young women via trusted relationships. The initiative promotes equity, resilience, and leadership, providing a safe space where young women feel empowered to grow, connect, and thrive.

**35. Humans Being CIC - Switch on to Women's Safety – Leeds (All Leeds Wards) £9,949.00**

Human Being CIC support men to understand women's experiences of harassment and abuse in public and workplaces and give them practical tools to act, using the internationally recognised '5Ds' method. The project harnesses the empathy that most men feel towards victims and build their confidence by showing them that they can and possibly already have made interventions that can make girls and women feel safe and respected.

**36. Stop Hate UK - Hate Crime and Learning Disabilities: Working with children and young people to build resilience and awareness – Leeds (All Leeds Wards) £9,592.05**

The project creates a learning resource that increases awareness and understanding of hate crime/ incidents against people who have learning disabilities, and/ or neuro divergent as well as carers, families, advocates, and professional staff. Through safe and open dialogue, Stop Hate UK identify the concerns and needs of the project's participants, working closely with them to co-produce content that is both relevant and informs others of the lived experiences and impact of disablist hate crime, and how to respond to ensure support is both informed and effective.

**37. Strega Women's Running Club - Ember – Leeds (Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Wards) £8,195.00**

Ember is a project focused on women's growth, whether that's physical strength, mental resilience, or creative expression. The project offers women-only self-defence and boxing-style confidence classes, holistic wellness sessions, and creative wellbeing sessions. Each session offers space for women to build confidence, improve wellbeing, and connect with others in a safe, inclusive environment. Ember is about lighting a spark: helping women grow, share their journeys, and strengthen the network of support and community visibility.

**Wakefield District**

**38. Talk your Walk - Wake Youth Intervention programme – Wakefield (Wakefield City) £10,000.00**

Talk your Walk is a prevention programme aimed at young people who are at risk of anti-social behaviour, violence, and criminal exploitation. The project promotes mental resilience, positive peer connections, and safe choices and is built on real stories/ experiences from offenders to help young people understand the consequences of poor choices and the reality of criminal life. The project creates



safe, inclusive spaces where young people can explore identity, emotional wellbeing, and aspirations.

**39. The Exodus Project - Rock Solid – Wakefield (Hemsworth Ward) £9,030.00**

The Exodus Project supports vulnerable children and young people offering a safe, welcoming space where children can build confidence, learn life skills, and form positive friendships. These sessions combine fun, structured activities with mentoring and emotional support, helping young people thrive socially and emotionally. The project creates a strong support network that tackles disadvantage, reduces isolation, and promotes long-term wellbeing for young people.

**40. Life Experience - Pathways (Pathways away from County Lines; Pathways into positive activity; Pathways into education.) – Wakefield (Wakefield East Ward) £9,625.00**

The project targets areas where drug dealing is prevalent, engaging with young people to discuss the risks of county lines and supplying drugs.

The project highlights the dangers of County Lines, where gangs exploit young people to move drugs and money across regions. Life Experience covers anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, bullying, domestic abuse, knife crime, and stereotyping.

**41. Crimestoppers Trust - Fearless against knife crime in Wakefield – Wakefield (All Wakefield Wards) £6,625.00**

Crimestoppers Trust raise awareness about knife crime, particularly points of sale, and work with the police to target key locations and demographics aimed at both adults and young people. Fearless, the youth element of Crimestoppers, educates and empowers young people to understand more about crime and pass on information about crime through Fearless.org, with the anonymity and safety in the same way as Crimestoppers. This empowers the community to have a voice when they don't want to speak to the police and pass on information about crime, help stop crime and protect the most vulnerable of the community.

**Multi-District**

**42. West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group - Parenting Courses for Parents/Carers of children and young people with challenging behaviour (Bradford City Ward, Halifax Town Ward, Newsome Ward in Kirklees, Morley North Ward in Leeds, Wakefield East Ward) £9,960.00**

West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group are delivering a programme of specialist courses for parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD.

These courses are designed to reduce stress, improve understanding, and build confidence in managing ADHD-related behaviours. Sessions provide a safe and supportive space for parents to learn, share, and connect. The project support families to feel less isolated, better informed, and more able to support their children's needs at home, in education, and in the community.

**43. Samantha Sykes Foundation Trust - Delivering Specialist Therapeutic Interventions to victims of child sexual exploitation/abuse recent and non-recent (All Kirklees Wards, Castleford Central and Glasshoughton) £9,700.46**

SSFT provide trauma-based Psychotherapy and Psychoeducation, or specialist counselling, to young people who are victims, predominately females, of child sexual exploitation who have experienced rape and often trafficking.

**44. OnTrak Community Initiative – OnTrak (Clear Hold Build) (Bowling and Barkerend, Gipton and Harehills, Calderdale Central) £9,535.00**

The project provides information and education to address knife crime, criminal exploitation, grooming, drugs awareness, and challenging anti-social behaviour. The young people learn to develop coping strategies and resilience. They are taught bike maintenance and given a free bike to build and keep at the end of the program.

**West Yorkshire**

**45. Mokka CIC – Mokka – West Yorkshire (All Wards in West Yorkshire) £10,000.00**

Mokka uses the transformative power of lived experience to support individuals' post-incarceration. Using the 7 pathways to reduce reoffending, attitudes, thinking and behaviour, family connections, substance misuse, education and employment, financial stability, and health. The project provides workshops on resilience, employability, empowerment, digital skills, and personal testimony, co-designed with ex-offenders, employers, and probation services. This trauma-informed, partnership-driven, lived-experience model enables participants to break cycles of reoffending and to lay foundations for stable, rewarding futures.