



A HUGE THANK YOU FROM LIVES NOT KNIVES!

Dear Donor,

We would like to extend a massive thank you for your efforts to raise money for Lives Not Knives. Your support is hugely appreciated! Your donation will be put towards helping us to continue our work educating and mentoring young people on the effects of knife and youth crime. The team have worked tirelessly over the last few years to ensure that all the LNK programmes, and the young people that we work with, are as successful as they can be. As a thank you for your support, we would like to inform you of some of the work that we delivered last year.

2019

We continued mentoring young people as part of our Aspire Higher pilot project. This has seen us work with 32 young people in the local community who were at risk of becoming NEET as a result of gang involvement or other offences. We aim to then get these young people into education, apprenticeships or employment, and organise for them to participate in a number of activities to prepare them for this, including: workshops, career tests, CV writing, and preparing them for interviews. This project has been very successful, with a significant portion of our young people now on the path to reach their potential in fulltime education or employment. We also continued our weekly mentoring of young people in Oasis Shirley Park, as well as Saffron Valley Collegiate.

LNK have also delivered a huge number of Roadshows in primary and secondary schools across London to educate young people about the risks of involvement in knife and gang crime. This project has allowed us to reach over 10,000 young people this year. Given the demand for our services we also created a teacher resource pack, which included all of the materials that we would normally use in the workshops, including: videos, case studies, guiding questions, and lesson plans. This resource pack allows us to reach significantly more young people across the country, as it can easily be obtained by schools and presented without requiring any LNK staff to deliver it.

Our staff also delivered healthy relationship, personal development, and preventative workshops in several Pupil Referral Units. This comes alongside the development of a Youth Ambassador's programme, which has seen us recruit young people from the local community to work alongside LNK to promote and support our events and projects. We have also launched a Women's Day event, a Mental Health Awareness Day, a Black History event, two football fundraising matches, as well as continuing our weekly Youth Hub and Summer Programme.

Once again, on behalf of everyone at LNK, we would like to thank you for your generous donation and welcome you into the extended LNK family. This will aid us massively in continuing our work with vulnerable young people, and we welcome you to get in contact with us so we can organise a time for you to visit our office and thank you personally!

Yours Sincerely,

The LNK Team