

## FREE Training for professionals – Young People and Gangs

- Who:** Professionals that work with young people – frontline staff in particular. Staff in statutory or VCS organisations including faith-based, in paid or unpaid roles.
- Provider:** [Reach Every Generation](#)
- When:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (with the day repeated on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October)
- Area:** West Oxfordshire (Sessions are taking place across the Thames Valley)
- Venue:** West Oxfordshire District Council, Woodgreen. Witney. OX28 1NB (Committee Room 1)
- Times:** Arrival 9am for a 9.30am start. End time: 4.30pm
- Lunch:** **Please bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee, water and biscuits will be available throughout the day.**

**To book:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/Gang awareness training Witney](https://www.eventbrite.com/Gang-awareness-training-Witney)

### Details / Activity

The workshop is aimed at frontline professionals to raise awareness and develop skills in relation to young people and gangs. It is delivered as a full day session, covering a number of areas including: how gangs operate, girls in gangs, County Lines, the emotional and psychological impact of gang involvement, trauma and contextual safeguarding. It will also include personal testimony from an ex-gang member.

Attendees will be encouraged to interact with the trainer and share their views on the topics being discussed within group work, role play scenarios and open dialogues throughout the day. You will also receive information and slides to help you disseminate the learning to other colleagues.

### Aim

This activity aims to upskill and increase confidence of professionals working with young people across the Thames Valley. The workshop will encourage attendees to see beyond what they are presented with, to challenge their levels of professional curiosity to identify risk, manage trauma and safeguard young people.

Attendees will be contacted following the training for evaluation purposes – to gauge changes in their understanding and professional behaviour following the sessions. This will enable us to explore how the attendees have, if at all, utilised the training in their day-to-day work and the impact it has had.

**Parking/travel:** There is some parking at the Council offices but it can get busy. The offices are very close to the S1/S2 bus stops serving Oxford and Carterton. There is roadside parking

in the neighbourhood. Additional parking is also available at the Council's Elmfield offices which are 200yds further along New Yatt Road. The Council offices are a 15 minute walk from Witney Town Centre.

**Access:** There are two accessible parking bays at the Council offices. The event is being held on the ground floor with no steps. An accessible toilet is available close-by.

**Cancellation:** **If you are unable to attend please cancel your place online or send someone in your place. If you cancel online the system can send details to anyone on the waiting list. There are limited spaces available on these training courses - please do not book multiple places under the same name.**