

U Decide Trident

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Targeted Groups

PURPOSE:

Prevention

AGENCIES INVOLVED:

Metropolitan Police Service
(Trident)

STATUS:

Non-Statutory Requirement
Established Intervention

PATHWAYS PRINCIPLE:

Community Voice

CHARACTERISTICS:

Conflict Resolution

What is this?

This workshop is aimed at year 6 primary school children in their year before transition to secondary school. The session is facilitated at the school by one police officer and lasts between 45 minutes to an hour. The workshop is based around decision making and the consequences that occur as a result of those decisions. The session poses the children various moral dilemmas: They are then encouraged to make decisions, either to agree or disagree with the statement made by the facilitator and then discuss their views. The workshop also outlines three true stories regarding three different characters. The story is told of two brothers, Sylvester (Sy) and Jethro (Jet) who live on a local estate with their mother and younger sister. Jet is the brother who makes all the wrong decisions in his young life and faces the consequences and Sy makes all the right decisions and reaps the benefits. The third story relates to a mystery character that makes a few wrong decisions but manages to change his way of life and eventually his identity is

revealed. The session is designed for the children to be interactive with the content and to show the importance of making the right decisions over the moral dilemmas that they are presented with.

Why is it useful?

To demonstrate to young people the importance of making the right decisions over moral dilemmas.

How does it work?

1. Contact the Community Engagement Team by phone or e-mail to request attendance.



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RISK FACTORS ADDRESSED:

Early involvement in crime
 Friendships with peers involved in crime
 Aggressive behaviour
 (including bullying)

PROTECTIVE FACTORS ENHANCED:

Sense of self-efficacy
 Positive outgoing disposition

RATE THIS INFORMATION:



What do I need to watch out for?

- The presentation is delivered in priority Trident Boroughs - currently Brent, Croydon, Hackney, Haringey, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark, and Waltham Forest.
- Experience has shown that the presentation is not effective in an assembly (large numbers) format.

Give me an example

One young boy who was adamant that he needed to carry a knife for protection during the session approached the facilitator afterwards to state that he had changed his outlook by listening to the views of his peers.

Find out more:

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