



#### CUTTING-EDGE:

KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS AT 2 ART EXHIBITION PART 2 YOUTH TOUR

### THEFINDINGS

We were commissioned by the VRU to visit 10 educational facilities across Sheffield to raise awareness of knife crime with our art exhibition and discussions on the issue.

We felt that this project was a huge success and are aiming to deliver it to more Secondary schools across South Yorkshire.

Have a look . . .

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Here are some figures on the reach of this project.

25K

PEOPLE WERE REACHED INCLUDING STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF.

30K

PEOPLE SAW THE EXHIBITION ONLINE

10

EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES INVOLVED.
INCLUDING SCHOOLS,
UNIVERSITIES, APS
AND TRAINING
CENTRES.

1K

PEOPLE SAW THE EXHIBITION IN THE CATHEDERAL

100
PEOPLE VOTED

60

PEOPLE ATTENDED
THE AWARDS LUNCH

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Here's what we found while talking to young people during the project.

10%

OF YP FOUND KNIVES IN PARKS, BUSHES AND WOODS ETC.

25%

OF YP FELT
COMFORTABLE
TALKING TO THE
POLICE ABOUT AN
INCIDENT

90%

OF YP THINK THAT FEAR IS THE REASON FOR CARRYING A KNIFE

3 IN 10

YP PICKED UP A
KNIFE AFTER
FINDING IT

55%

OF YP DID NOT FEEL SAFE OUTSIDE ALONE OR WITH FRIENDS.

98%

OF YP WOULD NOW THINK TWICE ABOUT CARRYING A WEAPON

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FEEDBACK

Before the session, the majority of students expressed that violent crime in Sheffield was a big concern. Ant's session was informative and engaging, and provided students with important skills such as conflict management. All students said that they enjoyed the session and had learned something new from it. Ant's delivery style is engaging for students as he speaks to them on their own level and turns a serious topic into something that is relevant to them. The display provided by Always An Alternative got students talking outside of the classroom which is incredibly important. During the art project, students discussed all of the positive and negatives of living in Sheffield, including their concerns about violent crime, and explored how projects like Always An Alternative give young people an opportunity to consider how their choices and behaviours have an impact on the city that we live in.

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