



## Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Programme

This information is provided as background information to the role of Violence Reduction Alliance Facilitator in Greater Manchester.

### HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS

#### **A. Introduction**

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority Violence Reduction Unit have commissioned 10GM to deliver a programme of community-led approaches to violence reduction. 10GM is now working with all of the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) locality infrastructure organisations to accelerate the roll out of the programme.

The key focus of the programme is ensuring that young people and stakeholders in a chosen area come together to identify what's going on, what's not happening and to develop ideas within the community for projects and activities: this programme is about working with communities to find solutions to problems that exist in their area. Investment is important and there is funding available to develop and deliver solutions that communities define and decide.

The key priority for success is building trust with communities and acting on their challenges and ideas.

The programme works with young people aged 10- 25 years, and their families.

#### **B. Key steps**

To establish the programme in a new part of Greater Manchester there are some key steps to go through. It will be the role of Violence Reduction Alliance Facilitators to support this process.

##### **1. Identification of areas**

Using data from different sources, specific locations most in need of the programme are identified.

##### **2. Asset Mapping /Engage Stakeholders**

Understanding the local area which has been selected; mapping the physical assets (like community centres, sports fields etc) and getting to know who lives and works there.

### **3. Co-Design**

During community engagement the aim is to understand the strengths and issues that exist and what might be done to improve the situation. Face to face, online and youth engagement sessions consider questions such as:

- What assets are in the community already?
- What's good?
- What's not working?
- What's needed and ideas for change

### **4. Investment**

Expressions of interest are invited from organisations with strong connections within the community to work as part of a community alliance partnership to develop the key areas identified by the co-design process.

The members of the resulting partnership sign up to a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining how each organisation will deliver its activity to achieve the collective goal.

### **5. Delivery of activity**

The kinds of activities which might be funded could include:

- a. Mentoring programmes providing positive role models for young people and families at risk or vulnerable to serious youth violence and criminal exploitation.
- b. Youth work activities that can show how they will reach and cater for the different communities in the area
- c. Schools based interventions to support those at risk of exclusion
- d. Community sports-based interventions.

### **6. Outcomes**

The outcomes we would aim to deliver through the funded activity might include:

- Improved aspirations.
- Improved access to activities and opportunities.
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing.
- Improved relationships between young people and their parents/carers.
- Improved sense of pride, respect and belonging in their community