

Gangs and Negative Youth Culture Awareness Workshops

“Gangs and Negative Youth Culture Awareness” Workshops are being held in partnership with the Police and the Youth Offending Service. The next round of workshops will start on **Thursday 30th MAY 2019 between 10am-12pm**. These are held at **ROYCRAFT HOUSE, 15 LINTON ROAD (entrance in GEORGE STREET), BARKING IG11 8HE**.

During these sessions, we will talk about gangs and negative friendship groups, child exploitation, drugs, knives, violence and the peer pressure that young people may feel they are under.

There are many behaviour changes that can cause us to have concerns about our children. Some examples are-

Withdrawing from school/loss of interest. Being excluded from school. No longer attending extra-curricular clubs/playing sport. A breakdown of friendships, new negative friendships formed. Aggression. Secretive behaviour. Unexplained injuries. Breaking rules/pushing boundaries/lack of respect. Truancy or going missing. Staying out late and returning home with no explanation for their whereabouts. Having expensive items of clothing, footwear, jewellery, watches and extra phones. Suddenly using mobile phones excessively, becoming angry if it is confiscated. Using sexual, violent or drug related slang terms. Being picked up or dropped off in unknown cars or taxis.

These workshops are held in a safe and secure environment, with limited spaces per session. This is to ensure that everyone in attendance feels they have a platform to speak about any concerns they may have and the opportunity to be listened to.

We will be able to discuss ways in which we can support you as a parent and ways in which you can prevent your child in engaging in negative behaviour.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please contact-

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