

Background Information

Northumbria Coalition Against Crime is a registered charity, set up in March 1990 as a partnership between business, community, voluntary and statutory sectors, with a mission to reduce crime, anti-social and unacceptable behaviour in the North East.

24 years on our objectives remain the same today; our work divides into two distinct, but complementary parts: **Youth & Community Programme** and **Business Crime Reduction**.

By taking positive steps towards safeguarding people, premises and property, NCAC encourages communities to work together to protect the places where we **live, work and play**.

"Reducing crime and the fear of crime in the region"

NCAC's Aims & Objectives are:

- ◆ Reduce Crime - Working in partnership to reduce crime and fear of crime
- ◆ Increase Confidence - Helping to ensure sustainable economic growth
- ◆ Protect Communities - Developing pro-active programmes to meet need
- ◆ Encourage Youth - Helping children & young people to grow and develop in the right direction

Youth & Community Programme - Seeing Young People as the solution, NOT the Problem

Since 1997, the Youth and Community Programme has worked alongside practitioners, children, young people and families, to identify gaps in provision and support, then develop programmes to meet those needs. This way of working encourages original ideas and practices which foster creative achievement in young people who may otherwise suffer through lack of opportunity, lack of aspiration or self-belief.

Mission Statement: The Coalition Youth and Community Programme seeks to develop young people to their fullest potential

The Youth & Community Programmes have ran a number of successful projects over the years, including:

It's a Sharp Life

This project was a interactive drama workshop with the aim to prevent Knife Crime and to dispel the myth Knife Crime is an issue in the North East.

Odysseus Mentoring Project

but its flag ship project is its award winning mentoring project, The Odysseus Mentoring Project (OMP). OMP has been in existence since 1999. The project has never stood still but has evolved and developed to meet need. We are continually evaluating the project and seek feedback from mentees, mentor and referral workers on how the service can be improved. A Social Return on Investment (SROI) was conducted 2012 led by Philip Angier of Angier Griffins (social accounting practitioner). The SROI report estimates the social return of the project as a whole is estimated at 397% (i.e. £3.97 of social value generated for every £1 invested in the project).

Since its inception OMP has worked with over 400 young people. OMP is extremely successful in preventing and reducing offending behaviour and on average 80% of the children/young people mentored do not offend or reoffend. Other benefits include; raising aspiration and motivation, raising self confidence and self-esteem and establishing children/young people in education, training or employment as well as rebuilding family relations.

We have recently launched an exciting extension of OMP- 'OMP Plus'. OMP Plus will provide mentoring support to; Young People in a Young Offenders Secure Unit and during the critical period from transition in to resettlement.



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Business Crime Reduction - Creating a Safer North East for Businesses

The business crime reduction department of NCAC is designed to work with businesses and agencies to identify threats to safety and reduce financial losses by deterring and detecting crime.

North East Retail Crime Partnership

The most successful project ran by the business crime department is the North East Retail Crime Partnership, an information sharing and support network for the North East retail industry, police and other agencies with a vested interest in preventing business crime.

"Intelligence led targeting of prolific, persistent and professional offenders active in retail crime"

We provide intelligence and training, along with advice and support to members and partners in a bid to forewarn of potential threats to stock and safety. We also identify and run initiatives to combat crime trends and emerging threats.

The NERCP have developed a secure information sharing website which is used to share information to member businesses and partners securely, making it relevant and actionable to enable the real time disruption of criminal activity.

Association of Shopwatch Partnerships

Managed by the NERCP, ASP acts as a support hub for all North East and North Yorkshire Shopwatch schemes.

The hub provides a forum for co-ordinations to share best practise and an operational arm that provides intelligence and training on a local level.

ASP also monitors the performance of local Shopwatch schemes, recognising and awarding those that are compliant and effective in their operation.

#Shop-wise - Diverting Young People from Retail Crime

Both sides of NCAC are working together to develop the #Shop-wise project, aimed at preventing young people from engaging in retail crime. The project has two elements, firstly to support young people's journey into the retail environment, delivering sessions including interactive drama pieces to 10-13 years olds via schools/youth groups and secondly to work with young people who have committed retail crime.

Volunteers from the retail industry are trained to deliver the sessions to the young people, acting as proxy victims for more impact.



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