



Communities at the heart of prevention: *Locally led solutions to crime*

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Guest speaker: Mayor of London, Mr Boris Johnson, Patron of London Action Trust

London Action Trust warmly welcomes you to the launch of our exciting new projects all of which work to reduce crime in the capital, tackle anti-social behaviour, and help London communities support their young people.

We have a track record of delivering niche services, working both on the frontline and offering second tier support. The four new projects we are launching today reflect that mix in delivery. We are grateful to London Councils for their support in funding these initiatives. Thank you to the Greater London Authority for allowing us to use London's Living Room, City Hall, for this event.

We present:

- Anti-Social Behaviour Online (a new web resource) and the Voluntary Sector ASB Practitioner Network
- Empower - a project working with BAMER (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee) communities, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender) communities and other groups disproportionately affected by crime in London
- Changing Lanes - a youth engagement project working with 13-19 year olds in Barking & Dagenham (this project is jointly funded by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and London Councils)
- Resolve - using mediation as an approach to dealing with conflict situations, this project works with 11-19 year olds in the boroughs of Brent, Hackney, Newham, and Tower Hamlets.

More information about each new project can be found in this delegate pack.

All today's presentations will be made available on www.asbonline.org.uk



Working to break the cycle of offending and create safer communities

Our work across the capital is extensive and diverse.

**To find out more about all London Action Trust projects please visit our website:
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Speaker biographies

- **Paul Dunn MBE - Chair**

A serving officer with the Metropolitan Police Service, Paul's main role is as Anti-Social Behaviour Advisor for the Metropolitan Police, and Chair of the London ASB Forum. Paul advises and trains on new areas of innovative practice for dealing with unacceptable behaviour and other community issues, throughout the country. In 1999 Paul designed the Acceptable Behaviour Scheme, a model which is now working in a number of countries.

In December 2009, Paul was seconded to the Government Office for London as Programme Manager for the London Anti-Social Behaviour Board. In this role Paul will help boroughs in their response to the new Government agenda on ASB, and improve their residents' perceptions of ASB. Paul's Honours include Public Servant of the Year for Innovation 2001 and Mayor's Londoner for London.

- **Cllr Merrick Cockell - Chairman London Councils**

Councillor Merrick Cockell has been Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea since April 2000. The Council is one of only five in England to receive the Audit Commission's maximum rating of four stars and 'improving well' in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). In July 2006, Cllr Cockell was elected the first Conservative Chairman of London Councils, the pan-London local government lobby organisation (formerly the Association of London Government). In 2009 he was appointed to the governing board of the Audit Commission.

Other appointments include: member of the Board of the Conservative Party, Chairman of the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership, board member of the Central London Partnership, fellow of the British American Project and president of the Chelsea Theatre.

- **Mayor of London, Mr Boris Johnson, Patron of London Action Trust**

Boris Johnson was elected Mayor of London in 2008. He has also held shadow government posts as Vice Chairman, Shadow Minister for the Arts and Shadow Minister of Higher Education. His career in journalism has seen him undertake various jobs including serving as assistant editor of the Telegraph, and as a political columnist, then editor of The Spectator.

Few Londoners have entirely English descent, and Boris is no exception. He describes himself as a 'one man melting-pot', with French, Turks and Germans among his ancestors. As well as being a passionate cyclist, he enjoys playing tennis and spends much of his time bringing up his four children with his wife Marina in North London.

- **John Trainor - Executive Director, London Action Trust**

John Trainor has worked in the voluntary sector for over 16 years and has been the Executive Director of London Action Trust since August 2005. As well as being responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the Charity he has particular responsibility for project development. He has successfully applied for funds from charitable trusts, Learning and Skills Councils, Europe, the Home Office, London Councils and the Big Lottery.

Prior to joining LAT John was the director of an advice service operating across East Sussex delivering welfare advice to vulnerable people.

Amongst his appointments is membership of the Reducing Re-Offending Third Sector Advisory Group, a panel of people from the sector advising Government on how best to engage with community groups in reducing crime.

- **Jessica Amsterdam - Project Co-ordinator, London Action Trust**

Jessica has worked in the Crime Prevention field for a number of years and has a BA (Hons) in Criminology. Jessica started her career in Central Government and has since moved into the Charity Sector. During Jessica's time at the London Action Trust she has taken on numerous roles including Development and Support Officer for Operation Trident's Independent Advisory Group.

Jessica currently coordinates the Resolve and Changing Lanes Projects. Resolve aims to raise awareness of the use of mediation when dealing with conflict situations. Changing Lanes is a Youth Engagement programme focussing on ASB and Community Safety Issues from a young person's perspective. She also has considerable experience of writing funding bids and developing projects.

- **Robin Lockhart - Senior Youth Worker, London Action Trust**

Robin is the Senior Youth Worker on London Action Trust's Changing Lanes Project. He is an experienced Youth Work Practitioner, and is currently completing a BA (Hons) in Informal & Community Education. Robin specialises in Youth Engagement in areas of need with a particular focus on those labelled as being marginalised and disenfranchised. Robin has developed several programmes, including TRUCE - to encourage young people from different areas to collaborate on projects to alleviate feelings of isolation / exclusion / fear.

In 2008 Robin won the Kids Count Inspiration Award (Best Contribution by a Community Group) at the Houses of Parliament for TRUCE and is a member / advisor to an All Party Policy Advisory Group at Parliament on Youth & Crime. Robin also coordinates the Newham Restorative Justice Network (via R.E.I.N - Race Equality in Newham).

- **Libby Peppiatt - Policy and Information Officer, London Action Trust**

Libby is the Policy and Information Officer for a number of London Action Trust projects and Lead Officer for the Anti-Social Behaviour Project. Libby provides a broad range of policy and development briefings to statutory, voluntary and community sector members and co-ordinates responses to Government consultations on behalf of several LAT initiatives.

Libby has previously held posts with the Restorative Justice Consortium and the London School of Economics. Whilst studying for her MA in Human Rights, she conducted research for The Medical Foundation for the care of victims of torture. Since 2000 Libby has held posts with LifeLines, a humanitarian organisation supporting prisoners on death row in the USA.

- **Sandra White-Angelo - Capacity Building Officer, London Action Trust**

Sandra is the Lead Officer for the Empower project. The main aim of which is to improve the confidence and capability of grassroots and voluntary organisations so they may better engage with local government and statutory agencies and thus have their voices heard.

She achieves this through the provision of high quality individual support, providing training in community safety and the criminal justice system, influencing skills, equality impact assessment, effective monitoring and evaluation and how to be more successful in engaging with policymakers.

Sandra's background spans the private, statutory and voluntary sectors. Key areas of work have included capacity building, policy development and empowering young people who are at risk of and those involved with violent crime with various organisations including the Metropolitan Black Police Association, In-volve, Social Solutions and Kensington Housing Trust.

- **Oliver Ashton - Youth Sector Head, Goal UK CIC, Co-founder, Streetbeatz**

Oliver Ashton is the Youth Sector Head at Goals UK CIC. He runs the Goals for Young People Programme nationwide. After going through the care and prison system in his teens he has since headed up successful organisations in the private and third sector including co-founding the Streetbeatz programme in 2004.

He has specialised in working with NEET young adults and gang intervention work throughout estates in London and the UK over past 6 years.

He is passionate about creating and offering 2nd chances and opportunities for young men and women. As well as a senior Goals trainer he is a qualified youth worker, life coach, NLP master practitioner and hypnotherapist.

- **Superintendent John Powell - Met-Track Scheme Director**

John Powell has been a Police Officer for over 28 years, and athletics coach for 34. He has coached young people from school sports fields to the Olympic Games. In founding 'Met-Track' he combined his expertise to create a youth diversion scheme for London with a difference. John has worked in five boroughs including Bexley, where he spent four years as deputy Borough Commander. He now works centrally as strategic lead for several projects. He founded and managed the most successful youth athletics scheme in the country between 1978 and 1993 with Blackheath Harriers, and continues as a senior sprint coach working with and developing some of the country's most talented young sprinters.

- **Steve Norris - Chair London Action Trust**

Steve Norris is best known as a former Conservative MP, Minister, and Mayoral candidate in London. He was the founder of the leading youth action charity, Crime Concern (now Catch 22) and is Chair of Trustees of Eastside Young Leaders Academy and a Trustee of the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust. He is a Board Member of Transport for London and the London Development Agency. He has been Chairman of London Action Trust since 2005.
