

NEXUS
Secondary Behaviour Support Service
Swan Annexe, 219-221 High Street
Ponders End, Enfield
EN3 4DX
Tel: 020 8379 8103
Fax: 020 8379 8146



To whom it may concern,

Our philosophy in NEXUS is to connect the community for a safer Enfield. As a borough with one of the highest rates of serious youth violence, we hugely appreciate the work The Safety Box carry out. The Safety Box has been delivering the Aspire Higher programme and Peace Weeks which are violence reduction personal development programs designed to change behaviour and negative mindsets. The skills young people develop in these programmes include leadership, communication, team working, presentation, high-risk conflict resolution, violence reduction, personal development and problem-solving. We are happy to say this year approximately 600 children (60% girls) from 5 secondary schools in Enfield, including the Orchardside Pupil Referral Unit, have engaged with this project.

Significantly, The Safety Box teaches young people how to avoid gang exploitation and why carrying a knife puts you at greater risk of knife crime. These critical lessons are delivered in an engaging and impactful way. The Safety Box Founder Nathaniel Peat has also attended our HEARD events which consist of an expert panel that advise parents in Enfield for free.

Our feedback has been highly positive. When attendees were asked how they would rate the event, across all 4 events, 97.94% gave it good and above. No attendees said the event was poor. Nathaniel provided the expert advice needed for parents to keep their young people safe and raised their awareness.

Above all, The Safety Box addresses a critical issue, not only in our borough, but across the UK where youth crime has risen. We thoroughly recommend The Safety Box and their work, and are excited to continue partnering with them.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mervin Cato', written in a cursive style.

Mervin Cato

Head of the Behaviour Support Service