



Guns, Knives and Beyond: Tackling Dangerous New Trends in Gang and Street Weapon Culture

A Public Policy Exchange Conference

Thursday 8th July 2010

10:00am – 5:00pm

**One Birdcage Walk, Westminster
London**

Public Policy Exchange, in association with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.

In partnership with



Centre for
Parliamentary
Studies

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Guns, Knives and Beyond: Tackling Dangerous New Trends in Gang and Street Weapon Culture

Overview

More than fifty teenagers have died as a result of violent incidents in London alone in the past two years – with many of the victims succumbing to horrific knife attacks by other young people. Nationally, several high profile gun and knife crimes along with the perceived escalation of knife-possession and gang-related violence prompted the previous Government to launch new measures to tackle youth crime; particularly to address the growing street weapon culture that is destroying so many young lives.

Behind the headlines, however, research has uncovered hidden trends with disturbing evidence of the increasing involvement of girls in gang culture – both as offenders and victims. Indeed, it is suggested that the intimidation of young women is widespread and even the threat of rape is commonly being used as the 'weapon of choice' on the streets. With the increasingly prevalent use of dangerous dogs as primary or secondary weapons it is clear that gang and street weapon culture in this country is being shaped by a set of complex trends and tackling such a phenomenon requires a joined-up approach from practitioners and policymakers alike.

As the new coalition Government begins to set out its roadmap for policing and crime reduction, this major one-day national conference provides a timely opportunity to explore solutions for the latest challenges posed by these dangerous new trends in gang and street weapon culture. The conference will consider how a 'triple track' approach of prevention, enforcement and punishment can be implemented fully and effectively at the local level, bringing closer together the work of police, probation, local authorities, health services and education authorities.

“Gang violence is unacceptable. It has a significant impact on communities, both in terms of crime and fear of crime and I am committed to doing all I can to support local communities and the police in tackling gang crime...”

- Home Secretary, February 2009

“Women and girls affected by serious youth, and gang related violence have been largely ignored in both policy and practice...”

- Female Voice In Violence Project, ROTA Report, February 2010

Venue & Accommodation

One Birdcage Walk, Westminster,
London
SW1H 9JJ

Located in the heart of London, One Birdcage Walk is less than 5 minutes from the Palace of Westminster. The building is regarded as one of the finest examples of traditional architecture in Westminster. As such, the interiors and function rooms are styled to reflect Birdcage Walk's rich heritage.

Through our partnership with HotelMap, we are able to offer our delegates heavily discounted hotel rates at a wide range of London hotels. To view hotel availability and rates and to book online, visit www.HotelMap.com/parlicentre

Alternatively, if you would like to book your accommodation by phone, you can call **Daniel Spinner at HotelMap**, on **020 7292 2335** quoting **Special Reference Code M3958**.



Why Attend?

- ✓ Explore solutions for the latest challenges posed by dangerous new trends in gang and street weapon culture
- ✓ Raise awareness of the hidden role of girls in gang culture
- ✓ Discuss the steps needed to strengthen strategic partnership working between police, criminal justice agencies, local authorities, schools and health services
- ✓ Consider the prospects for developing a longer term strategy to prevent young people from becoming perpetrators or victims of violent crime

Who Should Attend?

- Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships
- Community Safety Teams
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinators
- Drug & Alcohol Action Teams
- Police Service, Police Authorities & Fire Services
- Firearms Units
- Youth Offending Teams
- Youth & Outreach Workers
- Youth Inclusion Team from Young Offenders Institutes
- Probation Officers
- Town Centre Managers
- Licensing Enforcement Officers
- Community Cohesion & Development Organisations
- Community Support Officers
- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Local Authority Officers & Councillors
- Central Government Departments & Agencies
- Children & Youth Services
- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- Families Services Officers
- Sure Start, Children's Trusts & Children's Centres
- Health Service Professionals
- Victim Support Representatives
- Psychologists
- Social Workers & Social Services Officers
- Local Education Welfare Authorities
- Teachers & Head Teachers
- Neighbourhood Wardens & Co-ordinators
- Criminal Justice Practitioners
- Judges & Magistrates
- Legal Professionals
- Equality & Diversity Practitioners
- Third Sector Practitioners
- Academics and Researchers

Guns, Knives and Beyond: Tackling Dangerous New Trends in Gang and Street Weapon Culture

Programme

- 09:15** Registration and Morning Refreshments
- 10:00** Chair's Welcome and Introduction
- 10:15** **Mean Streets? Recognising and Facing Dangerous New Trends**
- Guns, Knives and Beyond: Understanding the Complex Street Weapon Landscape
 - Girls and Gangs: Young Women as Offenders and Victims
 - Rape: The New 'Weapon of Choice'?
 - The Increasing Use of Dangerous Dogs as Primary and Secondary 'Weapons'
 - Reaching Out to Disaffected and Marginalised Young People
- 11:15** Morning Refreshments
- 11:30** **Open Floor Discussion and Debate**
- 12:30** Networking Lunch
- 13:30** **Young Victims of Violent Crime - Tackling Gang and Street Weapon Culture through Partnership**
- Moving Beyond Youth Crime Action Plans - The National and Local Context
 - Providing Better Support to Young Victims of Violent Crime
 - Challenging the Attitudes and Values that Encourage Violence Between Young People
 - Strengthening Strategic Partnerships between Police, Criminal Justice Agencies, Local Authorities, Schools and Health Services
- 14:15** **Open Floor Discussion and Debate**
- 15:00** Afternoon Refreshments
- 15:15** **Towards a Long Term Prevention Strategy - Earlier Intervention and the Role of Schools**
- Strengthening Support for Children at Risk and Their Families
 - Providing After-School Mentoring/Education on the Influences and Consequences of Gang, Gun and Knife Culture
 - Developing Effective Partnership Working in Every Area to Identify, Target and Address Early Warning Signals
 - Learning from Best Practice and Innovative Solutions
- 16:15** Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
- 16:20** Networking Reception
- 17:00** Close



If you would like us to send you a certificate of attendance for CPD points please email your name and details of the event to info@publicpolicyexchange.co.uk

Event Details

Date: Thursday 8th July 2010
Time: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Venue: One Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London

Forthcoming Events

The 3rd Sexual Health and Young People Symposium: The Next Steps in the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy
15th June 2010

The 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Symposium: Addressing Gaps, Building Capacity
17th June 2010

Child Health and Well-Being: Improving Services for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
22nd June 2010



Child and Adolescent Health and Well-Being: Revitalising Front-Line Mental Health Services
30th June 2010

Tackling Health Inequalities and Delivering Fairer Health Outcomes for All: The Next Steps
1st July 2010

The Alcohol and Young People Summit 2010: Rethinking the Licensing Regime - Back to the Future?
13th July 2010

Community Cohesion 2010: New Challenges, New Solutions
15th July 2010

Sponsorship and exhibitors opportunities

We offer a range of opportunities to enable your organisation to raise its profile and communicate with key decision makers in the public sector.

For further information please contact **Parvin Madahar** on **020 7840 6081** or email parvin.madahar@publicpolicyexchange.co.uk



When you attend one of our events you can be confident that your carbon footprint will have been fully offset.

Delegate Fees

Local Voluntary/Community Organisations	£195 per delegate (1 Place)	£175 per delegate (2+ Places)
Academic/National Charities/Local Authorities/NHS	£295 per delegate (1 Place)	£265 per delegate (2+ Places)
Central Government/Business Sector	£395 per delegate (1 Place)	£345 per delegate (2+ Places)

Conference materials

If you are unable to attend the conference but would like to receive the supporting documentation, then please send back this form with payment details and indicate the number of copies you would like to receive. (PDF = £95 & VAT, Hard Copy = £95 (VAT not applicable).

PDF Hard Copy

No. of copies

Contact Details

Name
Organisation
Department
Address
Postcode
Telephone Fax
Email

Invoice Details (if different from Contact Details)

Name
Organisation
Department
Address
Postcode
Telephone Fax
Email

Delegate Details

	Delegate Name	Job Title	Email address	Dietary Requirements
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Total amount £ + VAT at 17.5%

Please tick as appropriate:

- Please invoice my organisation
 I enclose a cheque
 I will pay by Government Procurement Card/Credit/Debit Card

Purchase Order No. (if applicable)

Methods of Payment

Credit/Debit Card: call our payment line on 020 7840 6064

BACS: Bank: HSBC, Sort Code: 40-05-20, Account No: 91569783, Account Name: Centre for Parliamentary Studies Limited. Email BACS remittance to remittance@parlicentre.org

Cheque: Please ensure delegate name and organisation are on the back of the cheque, and make payable to: Centre for Parliamentary Studies, Accounts Department, 14 Great College Street, London, SW1P 3RX

Terms & Conditions: By returning this registration form to Public Policy Exchange, you agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions below.

Cancellations are to be submitted in writing no later than 30 days prior to the event. All cancellations carry an administration charge of £100 + vat. Cancellations received within 30 days of the event will be subject to the full delegate fee; however a delegate substitute may be made if requested in writing. There will be no refunds for non-attendance. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.

The data you provide will be held on a database in accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998). Public Policy Exchange may use your details to send you information about our further conferences and services. Personal data provided on this form will not be passed to any external bodies.

Signed

Date

Please email back to:
bookings@publicpolicyexchange.co.uk

Or Fax back to: 0845 606 1539