



### Crime Catchers

Young People between the ages of 8-14 years were encouraged to work within the local community through positive social action, with the aim of reducing entrants into the criminal justice system. As young people progressed through the project they achieved a Young Leaders Award and were also be given the opportunity to become a community reporter, gathering evidence for the voice of young people creating a sustainable change in the area.

## Community Action Against Crime

### Project Outline

The project was funded by the Leicester Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and endorsed by the current Commissioner, Sir Clive Loader. It was co-ordinated by Catch 22 and delivered by Netco Management Services in collaboration with the Media Lounge and Ed Creates.

### Young People

Three schools were approached within the Eyres Monsell district of Leicester, Samworth Enterprise Academy, Eyres Monsell Primary and Rollerston Primary.

Over a ten-week period two classes of Y5 pupils and a mixed range of Y8 to Y10 from the Academy were offered the opportunity to make three documentary films with a focus on Crime. They investigated the social, moral and economic drivers and consequences crime.

### Community Activity

The introduction took the form of a community activity. Each group of 5/6 young people across the three schools selected from a range of buildings an ideal community. They were free to invent functions and buildings. They then constructed a plan for their community and a 3D representation in Lego. A discussion followed related to the choices and functions.

### Leadership Award and Inspiration Event

All the young people completed the Leadership Playmakers Award that ultimately led to Samworth Academy arranging an "Inspiration Day for the two primary schools. They organised and delivered circus skills, drama workshops, cake decorating, judo, dance, media and football sessions for over 90 young people. The event was an unprecedented success, putting into practice a range of organisational and team working skills developed through the Leadership Programme. See [association.sportsleaders.org](http://association.sportsleaders.org)

### Documentary Overview

The schools based their films around six key values that they all share. Those are Respect: Aspiration: Honesty: Co-operation: Resilience and Reflection. The preparation sessions involved the young people learning about storyboarding, directing and production. Each small group arranged a series of interviews and activities to support the focus of their film. The young people also completed a Community Survey which provided many of the statistics used in the documentaries

### Film 1

Samworth Academy looked at Inspiration as their key focus. The documentary provided excerpts from local crime statistics, the Inspiration Day and balanced by a series of quotes and high profile speakers.

### Film 2

The Rolleston focus on respect and took the form of a news report supported by a series of interviews with Sir Clive Loader related to policing issues and society. Cameo role plays written and performed by the young people enhanced the main point of the documentary.

### Film 3

Young people from Eyres Monsell focussed on reflection and delivered a wide range of interviews from people within the local community including clergy, police, Local Enterprise Partnership, health and education representatives and is full of useful information.

### Finale

An awards ceremony was arranged at De Montford University and was based on an Oscar's awards ceremony. The films were presented and Sir Clive awarded certificates to all the participants and thanked all involved for the excellent results achieved. The documentaries can be viewed on the Ed Creates website at [www.edcreates.org.uk](http://www.edcreates.org.uk).

