12 POINT MANIFESTO BY YOUNG PEOPLE ON HOW TO TACKLE KNIFE CRIME:

Work needs to be done to challenge the idea that carrying a knife is the norm.

Gangs need
to be prevented
from using social media
as a means of recruiting
vulnerable young
people.

We need to tackle the underlying causes of violent crime in communities such as lack of housing and unemployment.

Investment
in youth services
and mentors is key to
helping young people
escape violent
lifestyles.

Rehabilitation,
particularly helping
young people gain skills
and access employment,
should be central to
the youth justice
system.

Ensuring young
people feel safe on
the streets is important
if they are to stop
carrying knives.

Introduce more

community police officers who can build

relationship and help

prevent crime before it

starts.

Tackling the drugs narket is a key part of tackling knife crime.

Schools
need to
provide better
support to young
people who are at risk
of involvement in crime,
those excluded from
school need a
safe place

to go.

All media have
a responsibility not
to perpetuate myths that
young people need to carry
knife or contribute towards
young people becoming
desensitized to
violence.

Custody
should be
used as a last
resort – often it only
serves to help young
people become
'better

The
Government
need to provide
support to young
people who are either already
involved or at risk of becoming
involved in county lines activity. There
needs to be a clear strategy on
how to help these victims
of exploitation escape
involvement with
gangs.



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