

**KS3 BOB MARLEY PROJECT & PLAYHOUSE YOUTH PROJECT**

Key themes: peer pressure; negative impacts of gang culture; doing something positive; teamwork

Both short films highlight the problems associated with gang culture and how young people who are at risk of being drawn into gangs are being brought together through music, drama, sport and other positive activities.

Questions related to the film

At the end of the Bob Marley Project film someone involved in the project says that many young people who are involved in gangs would rather not be but feel they have no choice. In the film about the Belgrave Playhouse Youth project Kassim talks about the dangers of getting in with the ‘wrong crowd’ and being drawn into gang culture. Watch the film here: bbc.co.uk/pudsey/aboutus/whoyouvehelped.shtml

- What pressures, mentioned in the films, draw young people to involvement in gangs? What other pressures do you think lead people to join gangs?
- What is each of the BBC Children in Need funded projects offering young people as an alternative to gang culture?
- Do you think this is a good use of BBC Children in Need money? Why/why not?
- What other kinds of initiatives do you think BBC Children in Need could support to help prevent young people becoming involved in gang culture?

Questions for deeper reflection (PSHE/citizenship; social and emotional aspects of learning)

- What do you think are the differences and similarities, perceived or real, between a gang and a team?
- Having talked to former gang members, Prince William said recently that the challenge the country faces is how to “turn gang members into team members”.
- What activities or events do you think are successful at bringing young people together to work as teams?