

An Overlap? Contextual Safeguarding, Extremism and Gangs



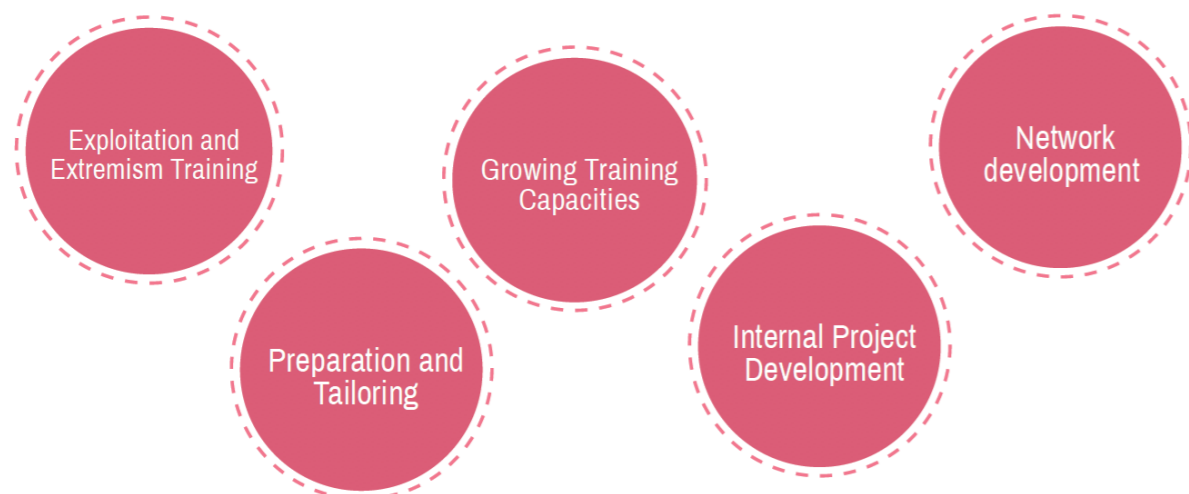
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Creating Change Together

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An intersectional approach. A safer society with reduced harm to young people.



Our Activities



At ConnectFutures we recognise that the challenges that young people and our society faces are not neat, separate, unrelated strands, but interwoven, interrelated and intersecting issues

Vulnerabilities to exploitation can open up a person to many forms of exploitation

Many of the same challenges that leave someone exposed to exploitation by extremist groups, are the same or parallel to those exploited by criminal gangs engaged in county lines exploitation, for sexual exploitation and trafficking, for acts of violence to non-ideological peer on peer attacks

From Theory to Practice: Preventing Exploitation by gangs & extremist groups with teachers & young people

Contextual Safeguarding: Extremism, Youth Violence & Exploitation

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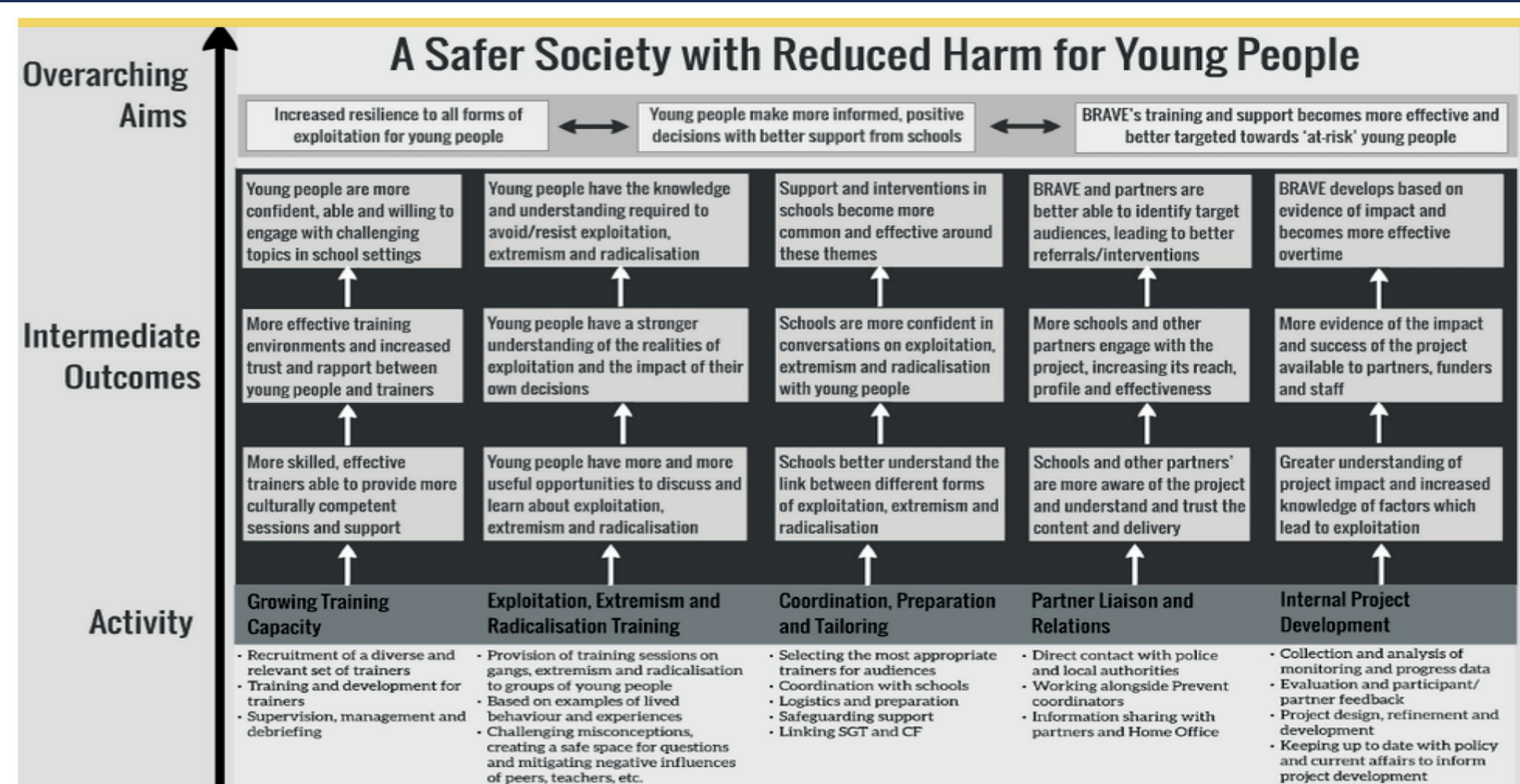


Our approach evidence based, drawing on a wide range of safeguarding, CVE and anti-youth violence research and practice, including our own (Davies 2017; Herzog-Evans 2018; Firmlin 2018; Peace & Atkinson 2019; Wroe 2019; Leaders Unlocked 2019).

We develop workshops and programmes to tackle the issues as both adult/practitioner needs & for young people, combining knowledge with practical solutions

For example, for staff, we utilise contextual & complex safeguarding theory as a framework for practical mapping & planning with hyper-local updates on gang & extremist activities in our Contextual Safeguarding workshops.

For young people, we combine lived experience and testimony with critical thinking, myth busting, practical tips and activities to build resilience and embed learning, for example our BRAVE programme with St Giles Trust.



"Best guest speakers we have ever had"

"Pupils have been given knowledge that will help them make themselves safe... they will be more empowered now."

"The brave sessions were brilliant. I loved being able to ask serious questions... they told us the truth about their lives."