

# Be a positive force for change

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The aim of Kids Count is to actively seek out a whole range of projects, through a network of "champions & advocates", that are helping provide local solutions to the problems of:



- Abuse
- Bullying
- Education
- Gang crime
- Discipline
- Homelessness
- Gun & knife crime
- Drug & alcohol addiction
- Fostering & Adoption
- Persistent & Prolific Offending

# About us



Kids Count was established to address the ever-increasing problems that young people currently face, in response to the failure of existing organisations to find viable & practical solutions to a whole range of issues. To this effect Kids Count is a grass roots Think Tank that believes that young people should be vocal and active in shaping their ideas for solutions.



Kids Count believes that although social injustice is a key contributor to many of these problems, poverty is not the only factor. Children from all social backgrounds can be the victims of bullying or abuse, have problems with drugs and alcohol, or become involved with crime.

Kids Count will work in the leafy suburbs, rural communities and poverty stricken urban areas. The work that Kids Count does will cover all members of society regardless of race, religion, culture or disability.

Our Advisory Board is a Panel of Experts, which includes members who have particular knowledge and expertise in many issues that affect children and young people. This Panel will furnish the Director with expert advice on the solutions that we promote and provide heavyweight backing in our lobbying for these schemes.

It is envisaged that the Panel of Experts will continually evolve as we add new members with expertise in their fields.

The Youth Board is comprised of young people, drawn from all walks of life, who meet regularly to discuss the organisation's current and future projects.



## Washington D.C.

For the last four years, we have visited the United States of America and experienced how they have developed some major initiatives. This has allowed us to build relationships with voluntary and state organisations, senators and the youth offending programmes particularly in Washington D.C. Kidscount is in regular contact with several projects run in Washington D.C which address several similar issues that affect us here in the UK. The purpose in this trip is an exchange of ideas and taking existing practical solutions refining them if necessary and then to share them across our network to promote best practice.



Kids Count "brings the voice of the street to the House" with its series of publications. Our Knife Crime document has had over 20,000 requests alone. We have also had organisations and government bodies use the recommendations given in this report. We have written these reviews to try and help people get a better understanding of the many and complex issues involved in things that affect young people. To get your copy visit [kidscount.org.uk](http://kidscount.org.uk)



## Inspiration Awards

The awards were created to recognize individuals and organisations who inspire those in their community, often these people give a voice to young people to determine and influence their own futures. The hard work by these groups or projects often goes unnoticed, so we seek to commend them on what they have achieved. Hundreds of worthy nominations are submitted each year and put before a high-profile judging panel who share an interest in youth issues. They then pick the winner whose award will be given to them at a special ceremony held at the terrace suite in Westminster. After the awards the MP's who support Kids Count, kindly offer to take the winners for a tour of Westminster. Kids Count offer unique opportunities and experiences kids and young adults, this being one of many Kids Count normally go onto work with the winners, where we use our networks of links to further develop these fantastic organisations.

Feel like the voice on the street isn't being heard by the House of Parliament?

Feel like you have something to say but you don't have a way to make your self heard?

Feel passionately about the wide range of issues which effect children and young people in today's society?

## Join the Campaign

Come join the campaign Kids Count believes that young people should be the corner stone to finding the productive solutions and methods of prevention to the issues that affect kids and young adults. Therefore, as part of our organisational structure, we have a Youth Board made up of young people drawn from all walks of life, many of whom have been recommended to us by our network of contacts & organisations. But even so some people go unnoticed.

We hope you can see from our leaflet just how high we aim in our quest to make the youth voice heard and how successful we have been to date! So if what you've seen so far interests you or if you feel you want to help be part of the bright future we are trying to influence, get in touch and talk to us about how you could gain some invaluable and productive experiences from Kids Count and how we could gain something from you!



## Conferences

Kids Count holds annual fringe meetings at all three party conferences. Youth Board members are heavily involved in these meetings: handing out leaflets to promote the event, talking to conference delegates about our issues, setting up the meeting venue & finally, speaking during the debate. These meetings open up a discussion on the subject matter. The fringes trigger a great deal of interest & the audience able to raise and ask questions on the subject with enthusiasm and allow us to bring together an array of speakers with different experiences regarding youth issues, from the parents of victims, ex-gang members, and police to MPs, government & Shadow ministers. It is a great experience for us all, not only do we learn from those at the conferences it also gives us the opportunity to get to know our team members better thus serving as a team building activity.

## Support Us

Kids Count are a not for profit organisation and rely on funding from a number of different sources. Although the Kids Count Youth Board organise, run and participate in annual fundraising activities as well as campaign for external funding, we still need extra financial support and any donations are welcome, please visit the website or get in touch. The website will also have details of the up and coming fundraising activities the youth board are organising and are always looking for support. Without further donations we will not be able to carry on the work that we do.

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