



Other Useful Resources on Knife Crime and Gangs

British Red Cross:

- [Creating a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment \(redcross.org.uk\)](https://www.redcross.org.uk)
- [Knife crime, conflict and peace | Teaching resources | British Red Cross](#)
- [British Red Cross teaching resources: Increase in knife crime](#)

These three links have a number of resources suitable for 11-16 year olds on the subject of knife crime and conflict resolution, as well as content on how to create a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment. All 3 links both also have downloadable Powerpoints and Session plans at the bottom - so you can use these or incorporate aspects of them into your own sessions.



Cumulatively these resources are useful as they encourage discussion about knife carrying and gang violence. They also speak to the preventative aspect of carrying knives (and how to avoid it, who to speak to if they are concerned), in addition to a more intervention side of it, and content on First Aid and how to react in a situation where someone were to unfortunately suffer a knife injury. These are all good supplements to the topics covered in LNK's own lesson plans and resources.

Safe4Me:

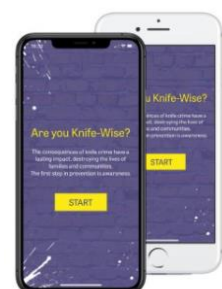
- [County Lines: Criminal Exploitation of Children - Safe4Me](#)

This has more information on county lines - explaining what they are, who they typically involve, and who is targeted and exploited as a result.

The Ben Kinsella Trust:

- [Home - Learning Zone \(benkinsella.org.uk\)](https://www.benkinsella.org.uk)
- [YouTube Videos - Learning Zone \(benkinsella.org.uk\)](#)
- [Resources for teachers and practitioners | The Ben Kinsella Trust](#)

*The Ben Kinsella Trust has created some very good interactive resources for both young people and teachers. This includes downloadable activity sheets, videos and information on the gangs, the victims and the offenders. The videos are particularly useful and offer a good insight into a number of different perspectives, and in the teachers resource section they also have some lesson plans to go alongside them. **This content is also linked to an App 'KnifeWise', which similarly has activities on the topic.***



No Knives, Better Lives:

- [Resources | Knife Violence Prevention Scotland \(noknivesbetterlives.com\)](https://noknivesbetterlives.com)
- [For Young People | Knife Violence Prevention Scotland \(noknivesbetterlives.com\)](https://noknivesbetterlives.com)

This website is from a Scottish organisation dedicated to reducing knife crime. They similarly have lots of videos, lessons, and content based around preventing gang violence - offering an insight into a number of people's lives and stories, but also covers things like anonymous reporting which is also beneficial thing for young people to be aware of.

Safety Box:

- [Knife Crime & Youth Violence Prevention – The Safety Box®](#)

This has a lot of the content covered in LNK's own lessons but is a good supplement to it, as it offers information on why people carry knives and how we need a public health approach to prevent it from escalating even more.

Amani (YouTube Short Film):

- [\(5\) AMANI \(2019\) | Drama Short Film - Based On A True Story | MYM - YouTube](#)
- [AVIARD INSPIRES - Empowering Your Success](#)

This is a short 20 minute film based on a true story about a young man from London who was stabbed. The film details how he underwent a transition from being in the wrong crowd and committing crimes, to then becoming more focused and independent, leading to him creating his own property business. Despite his initial success in this business, his past would catch up with him as the brother of a boy he robbed years prior would then stab him and put his life in jeopardy. He however survived, and Amani Simpson is now a big campaigner on knife crime and has his own social enterprise business Aviard Inspires CIC. Amani often speaks about how he made an agreement with God that he would continue to turn his life around if he was given a second chance at life, and he has honoured that so far to become a promising and influential figure among London's youth. Aviard's own website also has other videos and campaigns they are running - and all in all is a very positive story and showcases an individual who should be considered a role model to all young people growing up in London.



Knife Crimes:

- [000904_KNIFE_A5_LEAFLET.pdf \(knifecrimes.org\)](#)

This is a leaflet which offers a bit of guidance to parents on how to have discussions about knife crime and gangs - including external sources of support you can look to if you fear your child is at risk.