



What becomes of youths involved in street violence?

...that can depend on you.

This is Aaron's story

"I had to battle at school and battle at home.

Fighting gave me respect and as a result I got involved in the wrong crowd. I used to rob people and places, I ended up being stabbed 3 times and going to prison. I felt unwanted and that I was just a statistic.

I was introduced to Emmanuel Youth Project (EYP), and with their support I got involved in activities that kept me busy and away from the streets. EYP had staff that had an understanding of young peoples' issues and had clear boundaries and expectations, it was a place for the whole community and I became part of the EYP family.

I began volunteering at EYP, assisting other young people and taking part in fundraising. I completed a level 2 Media Communications course and now have enrolled on a Youth Work Course."

(EYP has benefited from a substantial SLF grant. Aaron is also currently a beneficiary of SLF's own Aspire Project, which mentors ex-offenders into training and work)

To find out how you can help call Venetia Barton on 020 7202 8513 venetiabarton@safertilondonfoundation.org

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