



**You're a
waste
of space**

**...if you hear it enough,
you start to believe it.**

This is Mustafa's story

"When I was 15, I started mixing with the wrong people, I got kicked out of school because I was involved in anti-social behaviour, robberies & fraud. People around me started hating me. They had no trust in me, no respect for me. I felt like a no good waste of space.

I ended up being referred to a Youth Offending Team and the police sent me to the Aasha project. Aasha work with young people who are involved in crime, youth conflict and anti-social behaviour. Aasha helped me get accredited training, opened the doors of employment and kept me off the streets.

Now I am in full time employment and doing an access course in youth community and social work. I feel like I have a responsibility toward helping people who are facing problems similar to which I had faced, I can repay the community back for the damages I have caused."

(The Aasha Project at BLYDA has received a significant grant from SLF to focus on young BME people aged 16-21)

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