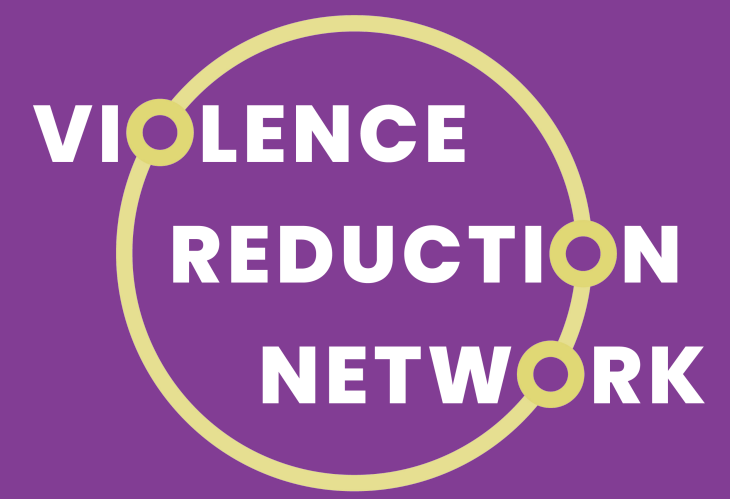


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Inform

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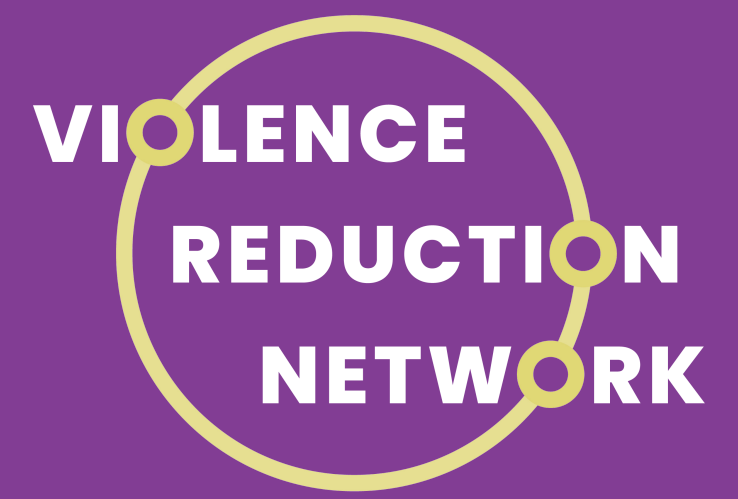
- Inform communities of opportunities that empower them to play their role in preventing violence through a range of communication methods including the Community WhatsApp Group, emails, social media, campaigns, meetings and events.
- Use the Live Safe website as a tool to inform children and young people, parents and carers and professionals around how to keep children and young people safe.

The VRN's next steps are to:

- Support and/or develop a local directory that informs communities and young people of support and services in their local area.
- Develop a network that enables the VRN to inform faith communities with the knowledge around how they can play their role in preventing violence.
- Develop a network that enables the VRN to inform sports partners with the knowledge how they can play their role in preventing violence.



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Consult

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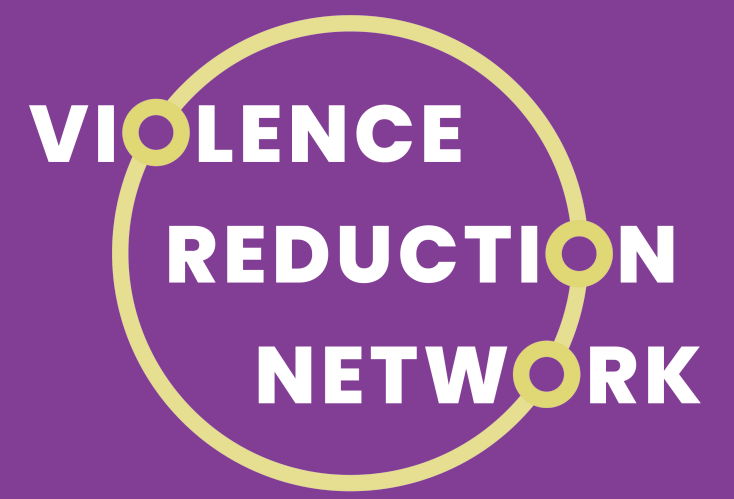
- Consult with communities and young people through surveys and focus groups to understand the causes of violence and develop effective solutions.

The VRN's next steps are:

- Launch the new co-designed Young Person's Violence and Vulnerability Survey.
- Increase reach of YP survey and use the results to inform decision-making around violence prevention.



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Collaborate

The VRN will continue to:

- Implement and champion the Community Partnership Framework that has been co-produced with communities and young people, across the partnership.
- Collaborate with children and young people to develop solutions to violence.
- Collaborate with communities and young people to develop existing campaigns (including We Don't Carry, Make A Stand Against Violence and Are You Listening) to increase reach
- Collaborate with partners through the Live Safe Development Group and sub-groups to develop content on the Live Safe website.
- Collaborate with the Community Oversight Group to shape VRN interventions and projects to increase effectiveness.
- Collaborate and connect with communities and ensure they influence strategic partnerships e.g. through CLN chairs sitting on the Strategic Partnership Board Executive.
- Collaborate with communities, children and young people to deliver community events.



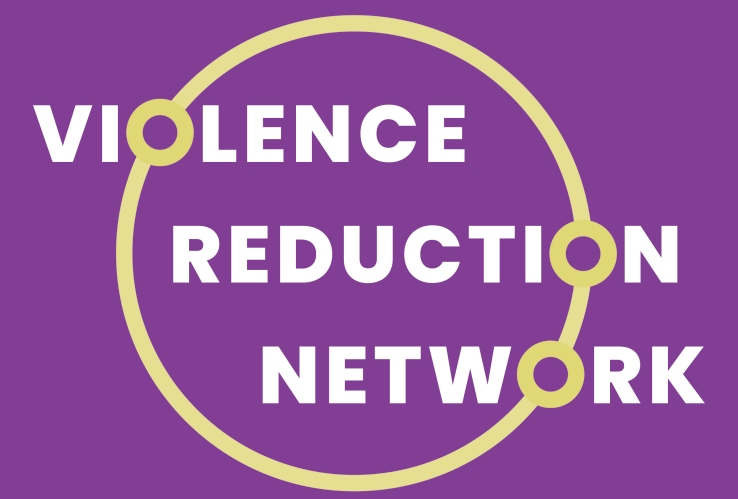
Collaborate continued

The VRN's next steps are to:

- Launch new content for the Live Safe website that has been co-designed with communities and young people (e.g. knife crime videos).
- Co-produce a 'youth charter' with partners including children and young people to ensure consistent and meaningful engagement with children and young people.
- Collaborate with young people to design and delivery the annual Hope Hack youth event.
- Co-design youth-involvement events with CYP
- Co-design a Learning and Development Programme for communities (including webinars and virtual online and in-person workshops).
- Co-design 'Young Futures Prevention Partnership Panels' with communities, children and young people.
- Co-design a 'blueprint' for the commissioning of community-based diversion.



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Empower

The VRN will continue to:

- Empower communities to play their role in preventing violence by providing learning and development opportunities including an annual event.
- Empower parents/carers to play their role in keeping their children and young people safe from knife-related harm.
- Empower grassroot communities to deliver diversionary activities in communities most affected by violence.



Empower continued

The VRN's next steps are:

- Empower parents/carers to play their role in keeping their children and young people safe from exploitation.
- Develop opportunities that empower young people to be involved in designing and developing solutions to violence prevention (e.g. through peer research, delivering social action projects).
- Empower the Community Leaders Network to work collaboratively in our shared determination to make our communities safer.
- Empower communities to deliver diversionary activities for children and young people.
- Empower communities to be part of Young Futures Prevention Partnership Panels.
- Develop resources and tools for professionals on the Live Safe website (including the launch of Pol-ed, the launch of Healthy Relationships resources, the launch of the Social Skills Toolkit and the development of Online Safety resources).
- Develop resources and tools for communities (including sports/faith/young people) to increase knowledge and skills in relation to violence and vulnerability prevention.
- Communities and young people to play their role in violence prevention through the roll out of an anti-violence campaign.

