

# IDENTITY AND BELONGING



## Gangs, Schools and Community: Psychology, Research and Practice

Gangs and serious youth violence are a growing concern. A recent report by the Children's Commissioner estimated that more than 45,000 people nation-wide between the ages of 10 and 18 are members of a gang, many joining as a result of coercion and exploitation.

This conference will present current research practice on the nature of gangs and the varied and complex reasons why young people get involved. It will explore practical strategies to support this 'at risk' group.

Speakers include: Sammy Woodhouse (Keynote; Personal Experience), Stephanie Waddell (Early Intervention Foundation), Mark Pearson and James Hensman (Policy and Practitioner Experience), Dr Jane Wood (Forensic Psychologist, Expert in Gangs)

Designed for: a wide range of professionals from education, social care, psychology and criminology

Format: presentations, Q & A sessions, interactive workshops and opportunities for networking and reflections on practice

**Wednesday 11 July 2018, 09.30-16.30**

**Darwin College, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent**

Places at the conference cost £99 and can be booked via <https://bit.ly/2HBsOxs>

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Organisers: Kent Educational Psychology Service and the University of Kent

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