

**LIFEWISE
ANTI GANG & GUN CULTURE PROJECTS**

**COLLABORATIVE ASSIGNMENTS BETWEEN STUDENTS FROM
SOUTH THAMES COLLEGE & WANDSWORTH SCHOOLS**

Using the very potent theme of gang and gun culture in London, the college is working in collaboration with seven schools and the City Learning Centre in Wandsworth on seven separate projects (with about 200 students) as follows:

Theatre in Education – 3 projects

Students from BTEC 1st diplomas in Performing Arts at CLC (Salesian, Southfields, Ernest Bevin, JP11, Chestnut Grove, Battersea Tech) and separately at Battersea Technology College will work with three groups of National Diploma in Performing Arts students from the college on theatre in education pieces around the theme of gang culture and gun and knife crime. The pieces will be toured to schools across the borough in March and performed again at the presentation event in May.

Music, Media & Business Studies

Students from BTEC 1st Diplomas in Music and Media Studies at CLC will work with National Diploma groups in corresponding subjects from the college on the production of a CD of tracks with anti-gun & knife crime (non violent) lyrics and 30 second video promos of these tracks. The promo videos will be uploaded to student mobile phones and MySpace as well as going onto a DVD. Learners from BTEC 1st Diploma in Business Studies at JP2 will work with National Diploma in Music Business Studies students from the college to research, market, promote and set up presentation event for the projects in May.

Health & Social Care

Students from BTEC 1st diploma in Health and Social Care from Chestnut Grove will work with National Diploma students in Health & Social Care from the college on a presentation focusing on the impact of gun and knife crime on the social and public services, the community at large, comparisons and case studies from other UK cities and cities in the US culminating in an action plan for tackling the issues in south London. The action plan, together with background research, will be presented at the event in May.

Art and Design/Media

Students from BTEC 1st Diploma & BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design & Higher National Certificate in Photography will design a logo for the project, CD & DVD covers, marketing & merchandising materials and the programme for the event in May. Advanced Media students from Elliotts school and the college will work together to produce a documentary of the project in its entirety, also to be presented in May.

The college has been successful in a bid to the Learning & Skills Network for 200 PDAs for learners to use during the project. This advanced mobile technology will greatly support collaboration between both students and teachers as well as providing instant access to research online, networking, instant recording and sharing of ideas, industry evaluation and much more.