



# SANDWELL'S **KNIFE ANGEL** **RESOURCE PACK**

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## **GET INVOLVED**



## Welcome to the Knife Angel in Sandwell

The Knife Angel's arrival in Sandwell marks an important moment in our ongoing efforts to promote peace, safety, and community cohesion. Standing as a powerful reminder of the devastating impact of knife crime, the Knife Angel also symbolises the resilience of communities working together to combat violence and foster lasting change.

This campaign seeks to engage every member of the Sandwell community—schools, families, businesses, and local organisations—in a collective mission. Through this campaign, we will honour those impacted by violence, educate the public, and take meaningful action to create a safer, more peaceful future.

This digital pack serves as a comprehensive guide to understanding the significance of the Knife Angel's presence in Sandwell. It includes resources, activity guides, and event details for October, offering many ways to get involved and make a difference.

The team encourages everyone to explore the materials provided, participate in the events, and help spread the message of peace and unity. Together, we can build safer streets and a stronger future for all in Sandwell.

Thank you for your support and commitment to this vital cause.

### Knife Angel Facts

**27**

Feet Tall

**6.5**

Feet Wide

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# WHAT IS THE KNIFE ANGEL?

The Knife Angel, also known as the National Monument Against Violence & Aggression, is a 27-foot-tall sculpture made entirely from seized knives. It was created to symbolise social change, raising awareness about the devastating effects of violence on our communities, and to educate young people on renouncing violence as a way to resolve conflicts.

Standing as a memorial for lives lost to violence, the Knife Angel was conceived by the British Ironwork Centre in 2014. As knife crime became more prevalent, Clive Knowles, the Centre's Chairman, envisioned an angelic sculpture made from knives to highlight the broader issue of violence. Sculptor Alfie Bradley brought this vision to life with the support of the Ironworks team.

Visit the Knife Angel Page:

[www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk/show-areas/the-knife-angel-official](http://www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk/show-areas/the-knife-angel-official)

# HOW WAS THE ANGEL MADE?

The Knife Angel is constructed from approximately 100,000 knives and blades that were confiscated from the streets of Britain. These weapons were collected through knife amnesties and surrenders, coordinated in collaboration with all 43 Police Constabularies across the UK. Once collected, the blades were safely transported to the British Ironwork Centre, where they were blunted and sterilised before being incorporated into the sculpture. Some of these weapons arrived in evidence packaging, even containing traces of blood. In a deeply moving gesture, families of knife crime victims were invited to engrave messages of hope, love, and disbelief onto some of the blades, which are now part of the Angel's wings, forever memorialising their loss and the call for peace.



# KNIFE ANGEL OBJECTIVES



**1. Social Change:** The Knife Angel aims to challenge and change societal norms around violence and weapon-carrying. By confronting viewers with the stark reality of knife crime through its powerful presence, the Angel encourages a shift in attitudes.



**2. Education & Awareness:** Central to the Angel's mission is education. It serves as a catalyst for workshops and programs that raise awareness about the dangers of knife crime and the importance of non-violent conflict resolution. Each hosting location conducts 30 days of intensive educational activities, helping to educate and inspire a new generation of Anti-Violence Champions.



**3. Community Collaborations:** The Knife Angel thrives on community collaboration. It brings together law enforcement, local groups, and community leaders to drive anti-violence initiatives. These collaborations have led to significant local actions, such as knife amnesties and the creation of youth Anti-Violence Champions.



**4. Leaving a Legacy:** The Knife Angel's impact extends beyond its visit. Hosting locations are encouraged to continue the work through ongoing education and the creation of permanent monuments from surrendered weapons. These efforts help sustain the Angel's message and drive long-term change in communities.

# HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

The Knife Angel campaign offers numerous ways for individuals, organisations, and communities to actively participate and make a meaningful impact. Here's how you can get involved:

## SPREAD THE WORD

-  **Write a Blog:** Share your thoughts on the Knife Angel and the importance of peace.
-  **Social Media Posts:** Post about the Knife Angel.
-  **Follow the Sandwell Knife Angel Webpage:** Stay updated and share content with your network

## PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT

-  **Attend Workshops:** Join educational sessions during the Knife Angel's stay.
-  **Join in the Civic Events:** Take part in all the planned events.
-  **Visit the Knife Angel:** Engage in reflection or remembrance activities.

## CREATIVE EXPRESSION

-  **Enter the Photography Competition:** Submit your photos on the Sandwell Council Instagram Page.
-  **Share Your Work:** Post your artwork, photography, or writing on social media.
-  **Design for Unity:** Create a poster or mural that promotes peace and anti-violence.

## ORGANISE A COMMUNITY EVENT

-  **Invite Guest Speakers:** Host talks that address solutions to violence in your community.
-  **Plan a Peace Walk or Rally:** Organise a walk that ends at the Knife Angel to demonstrate unity.
-  **Host a Local Event:** Organise a vigil, discussion, or creative workshop to raise awareness.

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

-  **Become an Anti-Violence Champion:** Spread the message of peace.
-  **Create an Anti-Violence Campaign:** Work with classmates on a video or presentation.
-  **Nominate a Youth Leader:** Recognise a young person making a positive impact.

## SUPPORT THE LEGACY

-  **Volunteer:** Help with ongoing educational activities and community outreach.
-  **Donate:** Support local anti-violence programmes with a donation.
-  **Promote Long-Term Initiatives:** Get involved in lasting efforts to reduce knife crime in your community.

If you are planning your own activity during the month, then get in touch to let us know the details and we can see how we can work together.



# Activity Guides

The Knife Angel campaign is not just about addressing the present challenges of knife crime and violence; it's about building a better tomorrow.

These activity guides are designed to empower every part of the community—from youth and families to businesses, faith groups, and beyond—to take meaningful action today that will shape a safer, more peaceful future.

Each guide is filled with practical ideas and resources tailored to different sectors, encouraging you to engage in ways that align with your strengths and interests. Whether you're fostering discussions in a classroom, leading a community project, or promoting peace through social media, your efforts today are vital to creating the positive change we all want to see tomorrow.

Explore these guides to find the inspiration and tools you need to make a difference now, for the sake of a brighter future. Together, we can transform today's actions into tomorrow's peace.





# Schools and Colleges

Schools and colleges play a crucial role in shaping the values and attitudes of young people. The Knife Angel campaign offers a unique opportunity for educational institutions to engage students in meaningful discussions about knife crime, violence, and the importance of peace. This guide provides practical ideas and resources to help you integrate the campaign into your curriculum and campus activities.

## 01 CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS

Facilitate discussions on the impact of knife crime on communities, the role of media in influencing behaviour, and the importance of non-violent conflict resolution. Encourage students to explore these topics through debates, where they can articulate their views and consider different perspectives.

## 02 CREATIVE WRITING PROMPTS

- **Art and Design:** Invite students to create artwork, posters, or digital designs that promote peace and non-violence. Display these works around the school or college, or share them on social media to amplify the campaign's message.
- **Creative Writing:** Encourage students to write essays, poems, or stories that explore themes of peace, conflict resolution, and the consequences of violence. Consider compiling these into a school or college publication or showcasing them in a special event.
- **Performing Arts:** Organise a play, spoken word event, or music performance that addresses the issues of knife crime and promotes a message of hope and unity.

## 03 SCHOOL-WIDE EVENTS

- **Assemblies and Guest Speakers:** Host assemblies focused on the Knife Angel campaign, featuring guest speakers such as local law enforcement, community leaders, or individuals affected by knife crime. These events can provide powerful, real-world insights that resonate with students.
- **Peace Walk or Rally:** Organise a school or campus-wide peace walk or rally, where students can publicly demonstrate their commitment to non-violence. This could culminate in a symbolic act, such as the creation of a peace mural.
- **Visit the Knife Angel:** Organise a class visit to the knife angel, and promote this so families can also visit. Incorporate this with classroom teaching, projects.

## 04 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Incorporate into Curriculum:** Integrate the themes of the Knife Angel campaign into your existing curriculum. For example, explore the sociological aspects of violence in social studies classes, or discuss the ethical implications of knife crime in ethics and philosophy courses.
- **Resource Sharing:** Share the campaign's educational resources, such as videos, infographics, and reading materials, with students and staff. These can be used as teaching aids or supplementary materials to enhance understanding and engagement.



# Community Engagement

Community groups and organisations are at the heart of fostering a safer and more connected society. The Knife Angel campaign presents a valuable opportunity for communities to come together, raise awareness, and take collective action against knife crime and violence. This guide provides practical ideas and resources to help you engage your community in meaningful activities that promote peace and unity.

## 01 COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

Facilitate open discussions within your community about the impact of knife crime, the root causes of violence, and the importance of fostering non-violent conflict resolution. Encourage participants to share their experiences and ideas, and consider organising panel discussions or community forums to explore these topics in depth.

## 02 CREATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- **Public Art Installations:** Collaborate with local artists and community members to create murals, sculptures, or other public art pieces that promote messages of peace and non-violence. These installations can serve as lasting symbols of your community's commitment to ending violence.
- **Storytelling Initiatives:** Organise storytelling sessions where community members can share personal experiences related to knife crime or stories of hope and resilience. These stories can be recorded and shared online or compiled into a community booklet.
- **Peace Gardens:** Create a community peace garden where residents can come together to reflect, meditate, and engage in peaceful activities. Involve local schools, youth groups, and volunteers in the planning and planting to foster a sense of ownership and collaboration.

## 03 COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

- **Peace Walks and Rallies:** Organise peace walks or rallies that bring together diverse groups from across the community to publicly demonstrate their commitment to non-violence.
- **Workshops and Skill-Building Sessions:** Host workshops focused on conflict resolution, self-defence, or community safety. These sessions can be tailored to different age groups and can provide valuable skills while reinforcing the importance of non-violence.
- **Candlelight Vigils and Remembrance Events:** Hold candlelight vigils or other remembrance events to honour those who have been affected by knife crime. These gatherings offer an opportunity for the community to come together, reflect, and support one another in the pursuit of peace.

## 04 EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

- **Informational Campaigns:** Launch community-wide informational campaigns using posters, flyers, and social media to raise awareness about knife crime and its impact.
- **Collaborate with Local Schools and Youth Groups:** Work closely with local schools and youth organisations to deliver educational programmes that address the dangers of knife crime. Encourage young people to become advocates for peace within their peer groups and communities.
- **Resource Distribution:** Share educational resources, such as leaflets, brochures, and videos, with local libraries, community centres, and public spaces. These materials can help inform and engage the wider community in the campaign's goals.



# Family Engagement

Families are the foundation of our communities and play a crucial role in shaping values and behaviours. The Knife Angel campaign provides an opportunity for families to engage in meaningful conversations about knife crime and to promote peace within their homes and neighbourhoods. This guide offers practical ideas and activities that families can do together to support the campaign's goals.

## 01 FAMILY DISCUSSIONS

Facilitate open conversations at home about the impact of knife crime, the importance of non-violence, and the role each family member can play in creating a safer community. Use these discussions to explore topics like conflict resolution, empathy, and the consequences of violent behaviour.

## 02 CREATIVE FAMILY PROJECTS

- **Peace Pledges:** Create a family peace pledge, where each member commits to kindness, respect, and non-violence. Display the pledge in your home as a daily reminder of your shared values and discuss ways to uphold these commitments.
- **Family Art Projects:** Engage in art projects that promote peace, such as creating posters, drawing symbols of unity, or designing a family mural. Display the artwork at home or share it with your community through social media to spread the campaign's message.
- **Storytime and Writing:** Read books or tell stories that focus on themes of peace, kindness, and the impact of violence. Encourage children to write their own stories or draw pictures that reflect these themes, reinforcing the importance of non-violence.

## 03 FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- **Visit the Knife Angel:** Plan a family visit to see the Knife Angel and use the experience as an opportunity to discuss its significance. Reflect on the powerful message it conveys and talk about how your family can contribute to promoting peace in your community.
- **Candlelight Vigils at Home:** Hold a small candlelight vigil at home to remember those affected by knife crime. This simple act of reflection can help strengthen family bonds and reinforce your commitment to non-violence.
- **Neighbourhood Walks:** Organise family walks around your neighbourhood, using the time to discuss safety and community spirit. Consider picking up litter or planting flowers as a family project to beautify your area and symbolise hope and renewal.

## 04 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Conversation Starters:** Use provided resources to help start meaningful conversations about knife crime, conflict resolution, and the importance of empathy and kindness. These can be particularly helpful for discussing difficult topics with children.
- **Family Learning:** Incorporate educational materials from the campaign into your family's routine, such as watching videos or reading articles together. Use these resources to deepen your understanding and inspire actions that support the campaign's goals.
- **Share Your Story:** Encourage your family to share their experiences and reflections on promoting peace, whether through writing, drawing, or social media. Sharing your family's journey can inspire others and contribute to a broader community movement.



# Business Engagement

Businesses and employers are key players in the community, with the influence and resources to drive meaningful change. The Knife Angel campaign offers a unique opportunity for businesses to demonstrate social responsibility and engage employees in efforts to reduce knife crime and promote peace. This guide provides practical ideas and activities to help businesses and employers get involved.

## 01 WORKPLACE DISCUSSIONS

Facilitate discussions among employees about the impact of knife crime on the community and the importance of creating a safe and supportive workplace. Use these conversations to explore how the company can contribute to non-violence efforts both within the workplace and in the broader community.

## 02 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS

- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** Support the campaign by sponsoring events, educational materials, or community initiatives. Sponsorship can help amplify the campaign's reach while showcasing your company's commitment to social responsibility and community well-being.
- **Employee Volunteering:** Encourage employees to volunteer for campaign-related activities, such as participating in events, assisting with community outreach, or supporting local anti-violence programmes. Consider offering paid time off for volunteering to increase participation.
- **Workplace Fundraisers:** Organise fundraising activities within the workplace to support local anti-violence charities or initiatives related to the Knife Angel campaign. Fundraisers can include events like bake sales, sponsored walks, or charity auctions.

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## BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- **Host a Lunch and Learn:** Organise "Lunch and Learn" sessions where employees can learn about knife crime, its impact on the community, and ways to get involved in the campaign. Invite guest speakers, such as local law enforcement or community leaders, to provide valuable insights.
- **Group Visits to the Knife Angel:** Arrange a company-sponsored visit to see the Knife Angel. Use this experience to foster team-building and reflect on the importance of the campaign's message. Follow up with a discussion or debrief to encourage employees to share their thoughts and ideas.
- **Promote a Safe Workplace Culture:** Develop initiatives that promote a culture of safety, respect, and non-violence within the workplace. This can include conflict resolution training, mental health support, and anti-bullying policies.

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## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Employee Awareness Campaigns:** Use the campaign's educational materials to run internal awareness campaigns. Share videos, infographics, and articles with employees through email newsletters, intranet sites, or workplace bulletin boards.
- **Incorporate into CSR Programmes:** Integrate the Knife Angel campaign into your existing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes. This could involve aligning your company's community outreach efforts with the campaign's goals or creating new initiatives that support the cause.
- **Resource Distribution:** Distribute campaign resources, such as brochures or leaflets, to employees and clients. Encouraging everyone connected with your business to engage with the campaign helps to broaden its impact.



# Social Media Engagement

Social media is a powerful tool for spreading awareness and mobilising communities. The Knife Angel campaign offers a unique opportunity to harness the reach of social platforms to promote peace and combat knife crime. This guide provides practical ideas and resources to help you use social media effectively in support of the campaign.

## 01 SHARE THE MESSAGE

Leverage your social media platforms to share the campaign's core messages about the importance of non-violence and community safety. Use the campaign's hashtags (e.g. #SafeStreetsStrongFutures) to connect with a broader audience and amplify your posts.

## 02 CREATE ENGAGING CONTENT

- **Use the Social Media Toolkit:** Take advantage of pre-made posts, graphics, and templates provided in the campaign's Social Media Toolkit. These resources are designed to make it easy for you to create visually appealing and consistent content that resonates with your followers.
- **Tell Personal Stories:** Share stories that highlight the impact of knife crime and the positive actions being taken in the community. Personal stories — whether they're about someone's experience with violence or their journey towards peace — can be particularly powerful in engaging your audience.
- **Live Stream Events:** Use platforms like Facebook Live or Instagram Live to stream campaign events, such as speeches, rallies, or workshops. This allows your followers to participate in real-time, even if they can't attend in person, and helps to create a sense of community around the campaign.

## 03 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- **Host Social Media Challenges:** Create or participate in social media challenges that encourage your followers to take part in the campaign. For example, challenge them to share what peace means to them using the campaign's hashtag or to post a photo of a peace symbol they've created.
- **Run Polls and Surveys:** Engage your audience by running polls or surveys related to knife crime and community safety. This not only helps raise awareness but also encourages your followers to think critically about these issues and how they can make a difference.
- **Join Online Discussions:** Participate in or start discussions on social media about the Knife Angel campaign and the broader issues of knife crime and violence. Engage with other users' posts, comment on relevant content to increase visibility.

## 04 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Share Campaign Videos:** Post campaign videos that highlight the Knife Angel's significance and the goals of the campaign. These videos can be shared across platforms like X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, and Instagram to reach a wide audience and inspire action.
- **Post Educational Content:** Use the campaign's educational materials, such as infographics and fact sheets, to inform your audience about the impact of knife crime. Regularly posting educational content helps keep your followers informed and engaged with the campaign's mission.
- **Collaborate with Influencers:** Partner with local influencers or community leaders who can help spread the campaign's message. By working with individuals who have a strong following, you can expand the campaign's reach and impact.



# Faith Sector Engagement

Faith communities play a vital role in promoting values of peace, compassion, and unity. The Knife Angel campaign presents an opportunity for faith establishments to lead the charge in fostering non-violence and supporting those affected by knife crime. This guide provides practical ideas and resources to help faith groups engage their congregations and communities in meaningful ways.

## 01 SHARE THE MESSAGE

Integrate the themes of peace, non-violence, and community safety into your regular services and worship practices. Share sermons, prayers, and reflections that focus on the importance of ending violence and supporting those who have been affected by knife crime.

## 02 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

- **Host Interfaith Dialogues:** Organise dialogues that bring together members of different faith communities to discuss the impact of knife crime and explore how faith can contribute to peace-building. These conversations can foster mutual understanding and collaboration across faith lines.
- **Service Projects:** Lead or participate in service projects that promote peace and support victims of violence. This could include organising community clean-up events, supporting local anti-violence charities, or volunteering to mentor young people in conflict resolution.
- **Candlelight Vigils:** Hold a candlelight vigil at your place of worship to honour the lives lost to knife crime and to pray for peace. Invite the wider community to join in this act of remembrance and solidarity.

## 03 FAITH-BASED EVENTS

- **Peace Sermons and Workshops:** Dedicate a service or series of workshops to the themes of peace and non-violence. Invite guest speakers, such as community leaders or those affected by knife crime, to share their experiences and insights.
- **Prayer Walks:** Organise prayer walks through your local community, focusing on areas impacted by violence. Use this time to pray for healing, safety, and unity, while also raising awareness about the campaign.
- **Youth Faith Groups:** Engage your youth groups in the campaign by incorporating discussions and activities that promote peace. Encourage them to take on leadership roles within the campaign, such as organising events or spreading the message through social media.

## 04 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Distribute Faith-Based Resources:** Share educational materials that align with your faith's teachings on peace and non-violence. These could include pamphlets, booklets, or online resources that help educate your congregation about the importance of rejecting violence.
- **Scripture and Reflection Guides:** Create or share guides that link the themes of the Knife Angel campaign with relevant scriptures or religious texts. These guides can be used during services, study groups, or personal reflection time.
- **Support :** Offer support to those in your congregation who have been affected by knife crime. Provide a safe space for them to share their experiences and find comfort within the faith community.



# Youth Engagement

Youth are the future leaders of our communities and play a crucial role in driving social change. The Knife Angel campaign provides an opportunity for young people to engage in meaningful activities that promote peace and reject violence. This guide offers practical ideas for youth groups, schools, and other youth-focused organisations to get involved.

## 01 SHARE THE MESSAGE

Encourage young people to use their voices and platforms to spread the message of peace and non-violence. Engage them in discussions, creative projects, and social media advocacy to raise awareness about the impact of knife crime and how they can contribute to a safer community.

## 02 YOUTH-LED DISCUSSIONS

- **Peer-Led Discussions:** Encourage young people to lead conversations about knife crime and its effects on their communities. Create a safe space for them to express their thoughts and ideas on fostering positive change.
- **Debate Clubs:** Organise debates on topics such as the role of media in violence or the effectiveness of current laws. This helps youth develop critical thinking and public speaking skills.
- **Workshops on Conflict Resolution:** Offer workshops that teach conflict resolution techniques, empowering youth to handle disputes peacefully and constructively.

## 03 CREATIVE EXPRESSION

- **Art and Music Projects:** Involve youth in creating art, music, or digital media that promotes peace. These projects can be shared in schools, online, or at community events to inspire others.
- **Short Films and Documentaries:** Support youth in creating films or documentaries that explore the effects of knife crime or highlight stories of resilience. Screen these films to spark community conversations.
- **Creative Writing:** Encourage young people to write poems, stories, or essays about peace and non-violence. Consider compiling these works into a publication or sharing them online.

## 04 YOUTH-LED CAMPAIGNS

- **Social Media Advocacy:** Encourage youth to use social media platforms to promote the campaign. Provide them with the Social Media Toolkit to create impactful posts and engage their peers.
- **Youth Ambassadors:** Get involved in the Youth Ambassador programme where young leaders represent the campaign in their schools or communities, organising events and leading discussions.
- **School Assemblies:** Partner with schools to host assemblies focused on the Knife Angel campaign, featuring speakers who can connect with young audiences.

# → Sport Sector Engagement

Sports and recreation activities can play a pivotal role in building the teamwork, discipline, and respect needed for a better tomorrow. The Knife Angel campaign encourages sports organisations and recreation centres to promote peace and community cohesion today, laying the groundwork for a safer future.

## 01 SHARE THE MESSAGE

Use sports and recreation platforms to promote values of teamwork, respect, and non-violence, contributing to a future where these principles are the norm. Engage participants in activities that foster peace and community, shaping a united tomorrow through today's actions.

## 02 SPORTS EVENTS FOR PEACE

- **Peace Tournaments:** Organise tournaments that emphasise fair play and unity, demonstrating how today's sportsmanship can lead to tomorrow's harmony.
- **Unity Matches:** Host matches that bring together diverse groups, promoting the idea that today's inclusivity can create tomorrow's cohesion.
- **Awareness Games:** Incorporate the campaign's message into regular games, reinforcing the idea that the values we practice today will shape the future of our communities.

## 03 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Outdoor Adventure Programs:** Use outdoor activities to teach leadership and conflict resolution, helping participants develop skills that will contribute to a peaceful tomorrow.
- **Fitness Challenges for Peace:** Create fitness challenges that raise awareness for the campaign, encouraging participants to use today's efforts to support a safer future.
- **Community Sports Days:** Organise sports days that bring the community together, reinforcing the idea that today's unity leads to a stronger tomorrow.

## 04 EDUCATION THROUGH SPORT

- **Workshops on Sportsmanship:** Teach good sportsmanship, highlighting how today's respect for others can foster tomorrow's culture of peace.
- **Role Models in Sports:** Invite athletes to speak on non-violence, showing how today's role models can inspire tomorrow's values.
- **Mentorship Programs:** Establish mentorship programs that develop young athletes, helping them become tomorrow's leaders in promoting peace and unity.



# Arts Engagement

The arts are powerful tools for inspiring change and envisioning a better tomorrow. The Knife Angel campaign encourages artists and cultural institutions to use their platforms to promote peace today, laying the foundation for a more harmonious future. This guide provides creative ideas for how the arts can be leveraged to create tomorrow's peace through today's expressions.

## 01 SHARE THE MESSAGE

Use the arts to communicate the campaign's message of peace and non-violence, helping to shape a future where these values are deeply ingrained. Engage audiences in reflections on the impact of knife crime and the importance of community cohesion, creating a vision for tomorrow's peace.

## 02 ART EXHIBITIONS

- **Themed Exhibitions:** Curate exhibitions that focus on peace and resilience, using today's artistic expressions to inspire tomorrow's culture of non-violence.
- **Community Art Projects:** Organise community art projects, such as murals, that involve residents in creating public works of peace, symbolising the idea that today's creativity builds tomorrow's harmony.
- **Pop-Up Galleries:** Set up temporary galleries that showcase peace-focused art, making the campaign's message accessible and impactful today, to influence the future.

## 03 PERFORMING ARTS

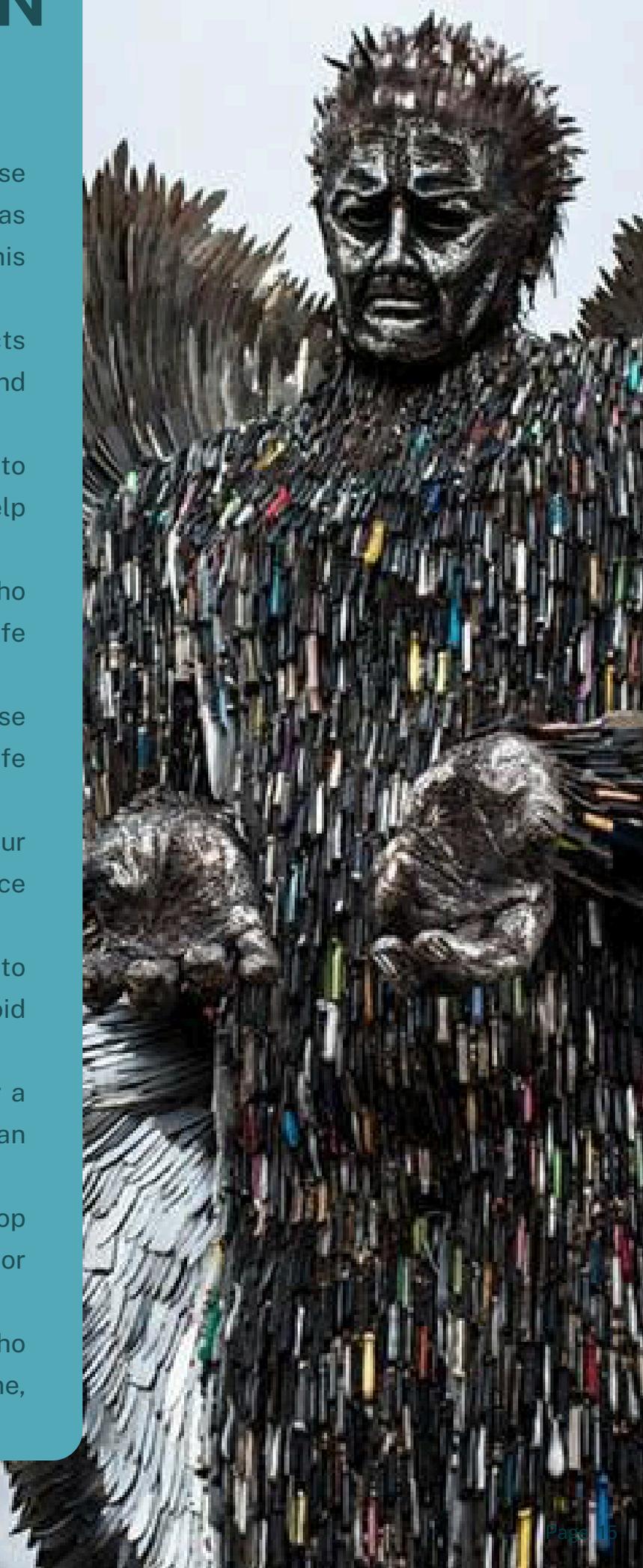
- **Theatre Productions:** Support plays and performances that explore the impact of knife crime, using today's storytelling to influence tomorrow's understanding.
- **Music for Peace:** Organise music events that inspire unity and healing, showing how today's melodies can become tomorrow's anthems of peace.
- **Dance and Movement:** Develop dance performances that symbolise the journey from violence to peace, demonstrating how today's movements can shape tomorrow's cultural narrative.

## 04 CULTURAL EVENTS

- **Film Screenings and Discussions:** Host screenings of films that address violence and recovery, using today's dialogues to shape tomorrow's perspectives.
- **Cultural Festivals:** Integrate the campaign's themes into festivals, celebrating how today's cultural expressions can foster tomorrow's peace.
- **Literary Events:** Organise readings and writing contests focused on peace, showing how today's words can influence tomorrow's world.

# CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. "Why do you think some people choose to carry knives, and what can we do as a community to discourage this behaviour?"
2. "How do you think knife crime affects not just individuals, but families and the wider community?"
3. "What are some positive alternatives to violence that we can promote to help prevent knife crime?"
4. "What would you say to someone who feels unsafe and thinks carrying a knife is a solution?"
5. "How can we work together to raise awareness about the dangers of knife crime and support those affected?"
6. "What actions can we take to make our local area safer and prevent violence before it happens?"
7. "How can we support young people to make safer choices and avoid involvement in knife crime?"
8. "What role do we all play in building a culture of non-violence, and how can we start today?"
9. "If you could design a campaign to stop knife crime, what key message or activity would you include?"
10. "What can we do to help those who have been affected by knife crime, either directly or indirectly?"





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**KNIFE ANGEL  
CIVIC EVENT  
DETAILS COMING SOON**



# Get in Touch



## PLANNING AN EVENT

We have the Knife Angel for 30 days and 30 nights, if you are planning your own activity during the month, then get in touch to let us know the details and we can see how we can work together.



Website: [www.sandwell.gov.uk/KnifeAngel](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/KnifeAngel)



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X: [@SandwellCouncil](https://twitter.com/SandwellCouncil)



Instagram: [@SandwellCouncil](https://www.instagram.com/SandwellCouncil)

## SHARE YOUR REFLECTIONS

We encourage you to share your thoughts on knife crime and how we can build safer communities.

Post your reflections or experiences on social media using the campaign hashtags:  
[#KnifeangelSandwell](https://twitter.com/hashtag/KnifeangelSandwell) [#MyTomorrow](https://twitter.com/hashtag/MyTomorrow)

You can also leave a message on the online visitors' book.

