

Case Study

Prevention



Paul Riley on the Operation Modulus programme continues to thrive and develop. Paul won a prestigious Jobs & Business Glasgow award for Inspiring Learner of the Year.

The Operation Modulus programme took a different approach in targeting a serious problem of gang violence and anti-social behaviour from a gang of 11 youths in the Gorbals area, with a focus on prevention. The youths were causing concern within the community, had become disengaged with services, and were a drain on public resources. Their criminal activities included vandalism, drinking in public, fire raising, drug possession, theft, gang fighting, and serious assault.

Agencies including Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Community Safety Glasgow, Jobs & Business Glasgow, Police Scotland, Includem and Glasgow City Council worked in a truly cohesive manner to address the issues and challenged current service delivery.

A targeted programme specific to individual needs was developed.

The programme proved to be efficient and cost effective with regards to community impact and economic costs and also created improvements on sharing information, resources and improved working relationships and partnerships across the city. Operation Modulus exceeded expectations with an 80% reduction in crime amongst participants, employment opportunities created for them, neighbourhood improvements amongst other community benefits resultant from the approach by Community Planning partners.

Outcomes agreed by partners and the youths, were to reduce crime and provide learning and development opportunities and positive destinations for the programme participants.