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16 July

Teen honoured after gun and knife crime campaign

A teenager was honoured today for his campaign against gang violence inspired by his best friend who was stabbed to death.

He was among a group of extraordinary individuals recognised at The Anne Frank Awards in London hosted by Paralympic medallist Ade Adepitan.

Alexander Rose, 19, from Tooting, won an award for his campaign against knife and gun crime.

His best friend Eugene Attram was just 16 when he was stabbed to death in 2006.

Eugene's death inspired him to make a stand by selling T-shirts on eBay with an anti-youth crime message and making a DVD which he hopes will be viewed in schools.

15 July

Met teams up with cricket charities to tackle youth crime

Cricket charities teamed up with the Metropolitan Police Service, the Home Office and Barclays Spaces for Sports to launch a new initiative to help tackle youth crime and anti-social behaviour in London.

StreetChance is a three-year project being delivered initially across ten London boroughs which uses cricket to engage young people from a range of backgrounds in areas affected by youth crime and anti-social behaviour.

Sir Paul Stephenson, Deputy Commissioner, who is helping to launch the project, said: "The Metropolitan Police Service is committed to making London safer and it is vital that we work with young people to achieve this. This project provides an added opportunity for police officers to meet with young people locally and understand any concerns they may have around crime, crime prevention and safety."

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3 July

West Barnes SN Team engage with children's nursery

Thirty excited children welcomed the West Barnes Safer Neighbourhoods team (Merton borough) to their nursery recently.

Staff at Carousel Nursery in Motspur Park have been teaching the three to five year old children about "people who help us" and thought this would be an excellent opportunity to introduce their local police team.

The children happily paid attention as they were shown how a police bike and car works before being allowed to test out the lights and siren as well as wear police hats and high viz jackets.

1 July

Bromley SN Team work in partnership with Waitrose

Adrian Smith and John Milligan the assistant managers of Waitrose in Biggin Hill approached the Biggin Hill Safer Neighbourhoods team (Bromley borough), stating they were going to do a sponsored run in Portsmouth and donate the money raised for the local Safer Neighbourhoods team to use, in making Biggin Hill a safer place.

As a result from information from KIN surveys, street briefings and public meetings, it was decided by all partners to purchase personal attack alarms to be distributed to the elderly and vulnerable in Biggin Hill.

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30 June
Hounslow hold Junior Citizen Scheme

On Friday 20 June 2008 Hounslow borough successfully completed their two weeks Junior Citizen Scheme.

The scheme has not ran for three years and was started from scratch by PCSO Loren Jones of Hounslow Heath Safer Neighbourhoods team supported by PC Andy Bown of Heston Central Safer Neighbourhoods team and Met Volunteer Indi Rihal from Hounslow. Sue Bazan from The Army Welfare Service came on board and assisted arrangements for The Cavalry Barracks at Hounslow to become the venue.

39 of the 45 Junior Schools in the borough attended and each day over 230 Year six pupils took part in scenarios organised by Metropolitan Police Safer Schools officers, Safer Transport Team, St John Ambulance, LFB, Hounslow borough Litter and Graffiti team and Drug Intervention Programme.

A building and contract site scenario was presented by "A" PLANT who supplied cabins for the event at a reduced rate. Another innovative scenario was presented by DC Karen Snoddy from Operation Trident. Hounslow are the first borough to have invited Trident to speak to children as young as eleven in a bid to curb escalating youth violence.