

## EUGANGS Trainer Case Study – Amanda Wood

Amanda was involved in the EUGANGS project from an early stage. Her experience as a Project Development Manager within Sandwell Council’s Targeted Youth Support Team, and of delivery of the local Ending Gang and Serious Youth Violence programme, has made Amanda a key contributor to the project in the UK at all stages:

- providing information on policy and local practice in the research phase
- engaging in the Expert Trainer programme
- support and delivery for the Walsall Train the Trainer programme
- design and facilitation of 90 hour VET programme sessions with a focus on policy and safeguarding
- presenter at the national event at Walsall College in October 2015.



### Example of delivery

In delivering the safeguarding session on the 90 hour VET programme, Amanda had to take account of the mixed starting points of the students, which ranged from specialists in this area of legislation to those who were relatively unfamiliar. Amanda’s approach was to group students, and place in front of them a series of cards with the names of laws relating to safeguarding. The role of the students was to describe to each other what they knew about each law and identify those they needed more information on. In this way the expertise in the room was fully utilised, and Amanda could focus on discussing in more detail the legislation students were less familiar with.

Amanda has worked closely with members of the EUGANGS Communities of Practice to deliver a consultation with the Criminal Cases Review Commission about why young people were not accessing their services. Amanda is now working with members to develop this project with Barrow Cadbury and UnLtd as potential funders.

Amanda runs her own consultancy **Safe Innovation Projects**, providing, advising on and supporting projects relating to youth violence and exploitation, as well as providing training in this area.

Find out more about Amanda’s work at: [www.safeinnovationprojects.com](http://www.safeinnovationprojects.com)