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# Ending Youth Violence Lab

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# What we do, and what makes us different

We **identify** promising projects which seek to address youth violence. We **fund** the development and delivery of those projects. We **conduct research** to assess how delivery has gone, ways to make it even better, and the potential for further evaluation.

Unlike other organisations in this space, the Lab has a focus on **innovation**, and will typically work in areas where there is not yet much evidence, focusing on developing new ideas and approaches that address unmet needs.

The Lab also typically focuses on the **earlier stages** of evaluation - working with and supporting home-grown interventions to prepare them for future trials.

## Who we are

Founded in 2022, the **Ending Youth Violence Lab** brings together expertise in intervention, evaluation and youth violence.

The Lab is funded by Stuart Roden and the Youth Endowment Fund and is being incubated at the Behavioural Insights Team. Combining funding from a government What Works Centre and private philanthropy, with BIT's commitment to social purpose, allows the Lab to play a leading role in developing and testing new and innovative approaches to tackling youth violence.

An essential element of tackling youth violence is knowing which services have the most impact. We can learn this through evaluation. Yet most interventions do not undergo rigorous evaluation to establish their effectiveness. **Our mission is to catalyse a step change in understanding and tackling youth violence.**



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# Our senior team

## Tom McBride

### Director

Tom McBride leads the Ending Youth Violence Lab. Tom has over 15 years of experience in research and evaluation roles. He is the former Director of Evidence at the Early Intervention Foundation and Head of Strategic Analysis at the Department for Education



## Jack Martin

### Assistant Director

Jack is Assistant Director at the Ending Youth Violence Lab. Jack has over 9 years of experience working at the Early Intervention Foundation and sits on the Government's Trials Advice Panel.

# How we're currently making a difference



The Lab has brought **GenPMTO** - a world-class and highly-evidenced parenting programme - to the UK for the first time. This programme has strong evidence of reducing arrests of young people in the US. Barnardo's children's charity will be supporting parents and caregivers across Brent, Barking & Dagenham, and Tower Hamlets. Our evaluation will determine whether the programme can reduce youth violence in the UK.

We are bringing **Face It** - an innovative school-based intervention which involves art, debating, role-play, and storytelling - to 5 London schools. Face It will support vulnerable young people and those at risk of exclusion. Our evaluation will explore how well it can be delivered, whether it is valued by young people, and lay the groundwork for a trial to demonstrate whether it makes a difference to young people's lives, their involvement in crime, and school attendance and exclusion.



We are funding the development of **STOP**, a new schools-based programme designed to prevent dating-, relationship- and gender-based violence. The project will support one London school. Our evaluation will explore how well it can be delivered, whether it is valued by young people, and lay the groundwork for a trial to determine its impact.

We are partnering with the Youth Endowment Fund, the Department for Culture, Media & Sport, and the Youth Futures Foundation, to launch an exciting project to design, set up, deliver, and evaluate a new **Summer Jobs programme for the UK**. This will provide vulnerable young people with short-term paid employment during the school summer holidays. Over a three-year period, YEF expect the project to reach around 2,600 young people.



# Examples of how we would seek to use additional funding



The Lab is seeking to bring **Multidimensional Family Therapy** to the UK for the first time. The programme provides intensive therapeutic support to whole families who are experiencing difficulties. It has strong evidence of reducing arrests of young people in the US, and improving substance misuse outcomes.

It is important that **poverty and low income** isn't just the context of work to reduce youth violence, but also the focus. The Lab is looking into a range of projects to understand if improving family income is a route to improving outcomes.



The Lab is looking to play a leading role in building partnerships and developing a research agenda around **social media and violence**. This will involve exploring the ways in which social media may or may not influence violence, and developing and testing solutions.

The Lab is committed to **co-designing new and innovative approaches** to tackle youth violence. We need to develop new interventions that address unmet needs, support underserved populations, and respond to new and emerging risks. We want to support and work with experts to identify these opportunities, and design and implement solutions.



**The Lab is already influencing the lives of many young people and vulnerable families. We want to engage with like-minded organisations, including trusts and foundations, on expanding our impact. Please get in touch at: [eyv.lab@bi.team](mailto:eyv.lab@bi.team)**