


# Ex-gang members help out

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- 1 City South Manchester Housing Trust has launched a mentoring scheme for girls and young women at risk of being exploited by street gangs. They are being partnered with inspiring women who have had previously involvement with gangs and have managed to break free. The mentors have all faced hardships – from issues with gangs to difficult home lives.
- 2 One of the mentors is Cassie Scott, who got involved with a gang member at 16 and later ended up in prison after a fight on a night out. She said: “At various times in my life I had professionals talk to me, to try to help. It was obvious they did not have any first-hand experience of the type of things I was going through. They couldn’t really relate to me, and I couldn’t relate to them. I ended up behind bars and that made me finally turn the corner. It was a very dark episode in my life, and I wouldn’t want anyone else to have to go through that. I want to help other girls do better than I did. If I can help just one person to change their life for the better, then I’ll feel I’ve succeeded.”
- 3 Dave Power, chief executive of City South Manchester Housing Trust, said: “In some neighbourhoods across Manchester, girls grow up surrounded by gang culture. It’s sometimes hard to avoid getting drawn in. Girls in gangs don’t always see themselves as victims. They feel included and ‘protected’ by the gang. By providing them with positive role models, often from the same neighbourhoods, we hope to give the girls the courage and awareness to break away, and put their lives on a different path.”

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## Tekst 8

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- 1p 22 'a mentoring scheme' (paragraph 1)  
What is the purpose of this scheme, according to the text?  
A to help vulnerable young girls make the right choices  
B to infiltrate into gangs with the assistance of local girls  
C to show that tackling youth crime is a serious matter  
D to train social workers to understand youth culture
- 1p 23 What particular experience made Cassie decide to change her life, according to paragraph 2?  
A being supported by a qualified coach  
B feeling let down by fellow gang members  
C having to spend some time in prison  
D suffering from a serious depression
- 1p 24 Welke zin uit alinea 3 maakt duidelijk waarom lid worden van een straatbende aantrekkelijk kan zijn voor meisjes?  
*Citeer (= schrijf over uit de tekst) de eerste twee woorden van deze zin.*

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