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NGO YOUTH BUS IN JEOPARDY AFTER DENIED HOME OFFICE FUNDING

NO GUN Organisation who 12 months ago launched its interactive youth bus delivering gun and knife education in schools and local communities around Nottinghamshire has had its bid turned down for a £10,000 share of the available £4m Home Office CAGGK 'Communities Against Gangs Guns and Knives' new funding scheme. In June 2010 the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary asked Brooke Kinsella, whose brother Ben was murdered 3 years ago to undertake a fact-finding mission. She was asked to examine schemes running in local communities that are working to stop young people from committing violence, including violence using weapons. No Gun Organisation was seen as an ideal candidate for the CAGGK scheme and yet its bid was denied leaving the project in jeopardy.



Founder claims city authorities has done little to support the youth bus project

"Have you ever wondered why money is often given to projects that lack professional substance? NGO losing its bid is a typical example of foul political play by those clueless decision making bureaucrats appointed simply to look for good PR opportunities. It has nothing to do with bringing something new to the street wars table to discourage gangs/ weapons crime or saving lives. It comes as no surprise neither the City Council or Nottinghamshire Police has offered to help us save the youth bus. WHY?.. because the painful truth is neither genuinely wants the youth bus idea to work. It makes them uncomfortable not being branded a city initiative. Despite my own countless efforts with meetings to share our youth bus resources, we have never received a single offender referral or engaged in a joint strategic approach with local authorities. Those who have long feared and criticised NGO's success should be ashamed of themselves. I've experienced a number of insincere activities and token funding gestures for PR benefits - none of which has escaped my intelligence. Suffice to say, if we choose to continue the youth bus project I am enterprising enough to generate financial support without CAGGK or local authority funding. There is however, a real moral issue here that should grip the conscience of those who have chose to ignore the good NGO has done for Nottingham communities. Alternative funding measures will be tirelessly considered before we make a firm decision whether to stop the youth bus project".



Clayton: Chairman

London 2012 could be good for NGO

Can you spot the number **2012**? If so, you will get the brand innovation behind the logo. As London 2012 fast approaches NGO will benefit from this new sports fashion brand that is already in advanced supply talks with High St stores. GBUK® will work with NGO to create business opportunities for a few of its young candidates and will work alongside the team to offer permanent apprenticeship roles as part of NGO's move to create more young enterprising BME's in Nottingham.



GUNS KNIVES DESTROY LIVES II film release plans

After the success of GUNS KNIVES DESTROY LIVES, founder director Clayton Byfield has announced plans to produce a follow up production for release Spring 2012. The story board remains closely guarded however, we can disclose the film would not focus solely on Nottingham city case studies. Clayton who has devised the script with a private team says, "it's been over 2 years since we released GKDL and it touched so many hearts that we owe our success to the short film. It was deliberately produced to deliver a very real amateur feel to ensure the viewer engaged the camera's journey. Our next production aims to follow the same style but with a production twist that I can not reveal at this crucial stage". GKDL II will be given a fresh title. The reason shall soon become apparent as it reflects the emotive shock waves surrounding victims, hidden policing and local communities.

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