

The Jamie Simpson Trust was set up in memory of Jamie who lost his life on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008.

**CEO/Chair:** Lorna Simpson is the mother of Jamie and has set up the charity in memory of her beloved son. Following the devastation of Jamie's death she hopes to honour his memory by supporting young people to make positive life choices.

### **Jamie's story**

Jamie was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1975 in Derby City Hospital. He grew into a delightful and loving child. Jamie was a free spirit, who loved music, dancing and travelling. He later moved to Birmingham before settling in London. The diversity and vibrancy of the city suited his personality; he viewed it as a place that offered a lot of opportunities. Jamie was a sociable person he loved meeting new people and had a wide range of friends from various backgrounds.

Jamie's life was cut short on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2008.

The Matalan Store in Dalston Hackney where Jamie was the manager was targeted by three young men. He was fatally attacked during the robbery.

As a teenager Jamie wanted to be a Youth Worker but was unable to pursue this due to age restrictions. Jamie's untimely death ended his dreams and goals for the future. The Charity aims to achieve some of his ambitions and to provide a lasting legacy in his memory.

### **The aims of The Jamie Simpson Trust are:**

- To provide guidance and support to young people in making choices to assist their aspirations and direction.
- To enhance the lives of young people by empowering them with the knowledge to achieve their full potential.
- To provide a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment where young people can communicate and share their experiences in confidence.
- To be inclusive of young people from different backgrounds.

### **Who are the service users?**

- Young people who are struggling with academic subjects in school causing them to display behavioural problems, which can result in exclusion from school without the appropriate support.
- Young people who are not in employment, education and training (NEET).
- Young people who might find themselves in gangs but want to change their lives (in the hope of preventing knife crime and other criminal behaviour).

### **Projects**

The Jamie Simpson Trust plans to set up a youth support service providing activities to develop the life skills of the young people.

We also plan to set up a drop in centre with scheduled work groups that young people will be able to attend.

The Common Wealth Youth Exchange (CWYE) works with young people to give them an experience of other students live in different countries. We are hoping to work with the CWYE to take approximately 10 students abroad each year to give them a cultural experience that will enrich their lives.

The CWYE provide funding for 80% of the cost with the additional 20% being raised through fundraising.

### **Future goals**

We hope to visit schools in Derby, informing them about the affects of knife crime on families

Our ultimate goal is to set up The Jamie Simpson Centre which will provide alternative educational support for the students mentioned above (service users).