



Collaborating Youth Charities announce new leadership and collaboration

Youth charities [MAC-UK](#) and [Art Against Knives](#) are delighted to announce that Dr Sally Zlotowitz, previously Director of Public Health and Prevention at MAC-UK, is from January 2021 taking up the role of CEO at Art Against Knives.

MAC-UK and Art Against Knives have a shared vision to prevent violence and promote safety with excluded young people by developing with them services that forefront creativity, relationships, community and youth-led solutions.

Dr Zlotowitz, a Clinical Community Psychologist and collaborator alongside young people over a decade at MAC-UK, says,

'I am honoured to be taking up this role with Art Against Knives. I want to say a huge thank you to Katy Dawe who has been an incredible leader and I know leaves big shoes to fill. The Art Against Knives team and young people are such a remarkable force of energy and creativity and I can't wait to work alongside them. We are all excited that MAC-UK and AAK will be close collaborators as we know we need to double our efforts to strive for social justice and ensure youth and community-led services and solutions are at the heart of the pandemic recovery.'

This is not the first time that MAC-UK and Art Against Knives have worked together; they have a history of collaboration. For three years the two charities have been working together with Barnet Council Children's Services and with young people on creative and psychologically-informed initiatives. The two charities have been on similar journeys and recognise the task ahead will be to continue to strengthen partnership working in the interests of young people.

MAC-UK is as delighted as Art Against Knives that Sally has been offered the position, because it will further cement our collaboration and mean that we will not lose her expertise and skills from our wider system.

MAC-UK and Art Against Knives have been reflecting on the serious challenges of the current economic, social and health consequences of the pandemic for small charities and excluded young people. The two charities are committed to learning together and sharing resources. A shared hope is to inspire a cultural shift towards organisational cooperation and away from competition in the sector, to reflect the much needed cultural change required for the benefit of our society.