



NATIONAL MONUMENT AGAINST VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION

THE KNIFE ANGEL

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LANCASHIRE

Blackburn Cathedral 4th-29th November 2021



The Knife Angel is the National Monument Against Violence and Aggression, a 27-foot tall sculpture made by the British Ironwork Centre from over 100 000 knives which have been seized by the police and taken out of circulation. A number of the knives have inscriptions provided by families of those who have been killed or seriously injured in knife incidents. There are also some inscriptions provided by former knife crime offenders who have realised the trauma and harm that their actions were causing.

It was created specifically as a focus for education and events highlighting both the negative effects of violent behaviour and our critical need for social change. The Knife Angel has already toured a number of UK towns and cities, making significant impact at grass roots level, but it has not previously been to Lancashire. As well as highlighting the negative effects of violence and knife crime the 'Knife Angel' can also promote discussion around issues such as non-violent ways to resolve conflicts, impact of trauma and harm, building resilience, forgiveness and restoration.

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES FOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS



You can visit the Knife Angel anytime between Thursday 4th November and Tuesday 30th November. It is FREE to visit and is located outside the Cathedral and the areas will be floodlit and is monitored by CCTV enabling safe evening visits to take place. Information panels will be located near to the Angel telling the story of its construction and the aims and purpose of the sculpture.



Youth and Community Groups and Organisations can book one of the Meeting Rooms at the Cathedral FREE of charge to have some time to discuss their visit. To book a room email: Knife-Angel@blackburncathedral.co.uk with details of the date and times that you would like to visit the 'Angel' and book a room. Room booking is on a "first come, first served" basis and we cannot guarantee availability.

Downloadable workshop resources on the themes of 'Why Knives?'; Preventing Violence; Trauma & Harm; Building Resilience are available at www.KnifeAngelLancashire.co.uk



Youth and Community Groups and Organisations can also book one of the Workshop Sessions being led by an experienced Youth & Community Development Officer. The Workshops will use the themes of “Why Knives?”, “Preventing Violence”, “Trauma & Harm” or “Building Resilience” and groups can indicate which topic they would like the session to address when booking.

Workshop are FREE, and each one runs for about 1—1 ^{1/2} hours and sessions are available on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 18th and Tuesday 23rd November. You are recommended to allow a further 30 minutes to visit the Knife Angel prior to the Workshop session.

Wednesday 10th November	Thursday 18th November	Tuesday 23rd November
9.30am—11.00am	9.30am—11.00am	9.30am—11.00am
11.30am—1.00pm	11.30am—1.00pm	11.30am—1.00pm
2.00pm—3.30pm	2.00pm—3.30pm	2.00pm—3.30pm
4.00pm—5.30pm	4.00pm—5.30pm	4.00pm—5.30pm
6.00pm—7.30pm		

To book a Community Workshop Session email: [Community Sessions](#) with details of the date, time and topic you would like along with details of your groups name and approximate numbers attending. Workshops will be held in the Caedmon Room at the Cathedral and the maximum number that can be accommodated is 30.

If your group is larger than 30 please contact [Community Sessions](#) with details of the date, time and size of your group and we will work with the Cathedral to see if an alternative venue is available.