

## Knife Angel: Marketing Information

### About Knife Angel

The Knife Angel is a stunning, 27ft tall sculpture of an angel made out of 100,000 knives, confiscated by the UK's 43 Police Forces. With the names of victims of knife crime inscribed by their loved ones, the Knife Angel is both a memorial and a symbol of hope for the future. As a National Monument Against Violence and Aggression, the Knife Angel exists to spearhead change and raise awareness about the impact of violent crime on communities, families and individuals.

Since its completion at [The British Ironwork Centre](#) in 2018, the Knife Angel has visited eleven towns and cities, from Gateshead to Rochester. Hosted at Hereford Cathedral, [the Knife Angel will visit Hereford](#) from June 14th – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. During this time, Hereford will celebrate this educational opportunity by hosting a series of workshops and interactive events for young people, and a national conference for professionals. See: <https://knifeangelhereford.co.uk/> for more details of the wider events.

### Aim of the conference

Knife crime and violent behaviour are fast becoming a national priority in Britain. *Crime in 2021: Knowledge to Practice* is bringing leading professionals together to explore both knife crime and crime more broadly. The key aim of this conference for professionals from the Hereford region and across the UK is to explore what we can learn from research and how we can translate research into practice.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from specialists, academics and practitioners, engage in Q&A sessions and enjoy break-time activities via breakout rooms. As such, we imagine this conference will appeal most to professionals working with young people or adults who may be affected by crime.

### Practical details:

- Wednesday 9 June
- 9.30 am – 4 pm
- Attendance is FREE, but we welcome any donations to Knife Angel Hereford, to help support legacy workshops in the local community.

### Conference themes and topics

Themes include crimes against young people and adults, plus the impact of crime on individuals and families. Specific topics include:

- Knife crime
- County Lines
- Street Harassment
- Homicidal Bereavement
- Victim Support
- Restorative Justice
- Technology-assisted sexual abuse and exploitation
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Military Veterans and PTSD

The conference will be opened by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner and closed by Herefordshire High Sheriff Jo Hilditch. Confirmed speakers include:

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- Retired Assistant Chief Constable Steve Cullen
- Superintendent Edd Williams from West Mercia Police
- Dr Filipa Alves-Costa and Victim Support on the impact of homicidal bereavement
- Clifford Grimason and Victim Support on restorative justice
- Prof Catherine Hamilton-Giachritsis on online child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Prof Liz Gilchrist on Domestic Violence
- Dr Rachel Paskell on Military Veterans and PTSD
- Dr David Wright on Street Harassment
- Dr Sarah Elliott on Gangs
- Prof Tom Kirchmaier on knife crime

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