



Understanding & Policing Gangs

38th Annual Cumberland Lodge Police Conference

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 June 2019

The Cumberland Lodge annual theme for 2018-19, '**Identities & Belonging**', explores how understandings of identity are shifting, and what such transformations might mean for practices of belonging across Britain.

In this vein, the Annual Police Conference will investigate the attraction of gang cultures and their diverse manifestations in our society. Participants will examine how the police should best respond to closed communities, especially in areas marked by social exclusion and economic decline. Gangs offer robust and rewarding social identities, as well as a strong sense of belonging, which is often based on opposition to the state.

By bringing together the police and law enforcement, academics, civil society, and practitioners, as well as policymakers, our conference will explore gang culture in Britain today.

About Cumberland Lodge

Cumberland Lodge is an educational charity tackling social divisions by promoting creative thinking and inclusive dialogue.

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Cumberland Lodge Police Conference Series

Cumberland Lodge has been creating a safe space for constructive dialogue on the most pressing policing and criminal justice matters since the 1980s. Guided by our Police Steering Committee of police leaders and serving police officers, we run a renowned Police Conference each year. It brings together a multi-agency delegation of senior police officers, NGO leaders, lawyers, academics and senior civil servants in order to tackle a key issue at the forefront of the police agenda.



Conference Programme

Friday 21 June

- 17.00 Social Divisions and Identities
- 18.15 Reception, followed by dinner at 18.45
- 20.15 Keynote address

Saturday 22 June

- 9.00 The Attraction of Gang Culture
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Operational Practice
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Case Studies
- 16.30 Feedback from Breakout Sessions
- 17.00 Preventing Harm and Building Resilience
- 18.30 Bar, followed by dinner at 18.45
- 20.15 Keynote address

Sunday 23 June

- 9.00 Reflections session
- 10.15 Break, service at the Royal Chapel (optional)
- 12.00 Lunch and depart