

Profile of participants

	Name	Age	Family	Employment	Criminal record	Level of education
1	Allan	21	Lives with his mother and younger brother. He has two older siblings	Currently unemployed	Has a criminal record, mostly theft.	He completed grade 9, and dropped out of school in grade 10
2	Dylan	18	Currently lives with his father – strained relationship with his mother. He is the oldest of 10 siblings.	Currently unemployed	None – was arrested for petty theft, but successfully completed a diversion programme.	Completed grade 10
3	Kevin	24 years old	Lives with grandmother and mother. His father died when he was little. He has two younger brothers.	Fixes computers and engines at home.	Has been to prison for petty theft, but has no criminal record.	Completed grade 9
4	Deon	24	Currently lives with his aunt and grandmother. He does not know his father, and has a strained relationship with his stepfather – so he is unable to live with his mother.	Does piece work, mostly unskilled.	Has been to prison – not sure whether he has a criminal record.	Grade 10 – left during grade 11.
5	Wade	20 years old	Grew up in a children's home as his mother was unable to take care of him. He is the oldest of 4 siblings. Currently lives with aunt.	Has a tattoo and barber shop at his aunt's place.	He was arrested for petty theft, but successfully completed a diversion programme.	Completed grade 10 at a technical high school – left during grade 11
6	Michael	20 years old	Lives with his mother. He is the oldest of four siblings. He has never met his father. Has a daughter.	D-jays at parties	Was caught with an unlicensed firearm at school, in grade 11 – successfully completed diversion programme	Completed grade 9 – expelled in grade 10

