

Design Against Crime Solution Centre

RESEARCH PROJECTS (past 3 years)

Designers guide to designing out crime (2010)

The Design Against Crime Solution Centre is producing a resource that to help designers understand the best methods and practices to use when thinking about crime in the first stage of the design process. Designers will use this resource to design out crime in their products, services or environments. This resource is funded by the UK Design Council, who will also publish and distribute the resource. The successful bid highlights the Design Against Crime Solution Centre as one of the UK leaders in this field.

Residential Design and Crime (2010)

The Residential Design & Crime project examines the relationship between crime and the design of contemporary housing schemes. It will improve the evidence base on crime and its relationship to design features. Funding for this project came from the UK Home Office and the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE). This project was lead by the Applied Criminology Centre at the University of Huddersfield. The Design Against Crime Solution Centre's involvement in this bid places us alongside the other major academics in the field of crime prevention in the built environment.

Design Against Crime Youth Action Challenge (2009–2010)

The Design Against Crime Youth Action Challenge is a programme encouraging young people to develop design solutions to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour issues in their community. This is done by engaging young people into a creative design against crime research process, using the research methodology of the Design Against Crime Solution Centre. Working alongside neighbourhood police officers, the young people learn about the crimes in their area, how they relate to the use and design of the built environment, and develop design solutions to prevent crime. Design solutions are presented to a panel of judges who have the power to implement the solutions in the local community.

National Police Crime Prevention Service (2009)

The National Police Crime Prevention Service project investigated how Architectural Liaison Officers throughout 42 police forces in England and Wales were delivering police crime prevention advice into the planning process. The aim was to make evidence-based suggestions on how to develop a national police crime prevention service for England and Wales. This project was funded jointly by the Association for Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and the Home Office. The Design Against Crime Solution Centre at Salford is the only institution that has been approached to undertake the implementation planning work.

GMP's Design for Security Consultancy (2008–2009)

The Architectural Liaison Unit of Greater Manchester Police (GMP) is at the forefront of crime prevention work in England and Wales. As of 2009, the Unit was rebranded as the Design For Security Consultancy. Andrew Wootton advised GMP on the rebranding of their in-house Architectural Liaison Unit with the aim of "professionalising the service".

Safer Places (2008–09)

This collaborative project explored opportunities for using communication design for prevent terrorism. An interactive digital artwork for use in the London Underground was developed. Funding came from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

City Centre Crime: Cooling Crime Hotspots by Design (2007–2008)

The City Centre Crime project investigated an area of Manchester city centre in order to investigate how the design of the urban environment related to criminal activity, in order to develop targeted design intervention to prevent crime. This project was commissioned by Manchester Crime & Disorder Partnership. To do this, in-depth Problem Profiles outlining offender *modus operandi*, victim profiles, user behaviour and stakeholder views regarding crime and anti-social behaviour were developed. 20 design interventions and recommendations to address crime problems in hotspots in Manchester's city centre were devised. One of these interventions was implemented in October 2009.

Design Against Crime European Exchange Tool (2006–08)

Funded by the European Commission' AGIS 2006 programme, this project developed guidance for adapting design-led crime prevention techniques and best practice to fit the specific contexts of European member states—the Design Against Crime European Exchange Tool. Practical guidance is provided in the form of implementation plans, checklists, case study examples and recommendations for specific European countries. As part of this project, the DAC Crime Life-Cycle was translated into German and disseminated to design professionals and other key stakeholders.