



Helping mums like Shirley protect their children from the temptations and dangers of gang culture

By her own admission Shirley, from Jamaica, did not have a very good relationship with any of her seven children. Then she lost her eldest son to gun crime. She was devastated.

Joining a Mothers' Union parenting group helped her find support in a non-judgemental environment. She learned new ways to love and care for her children and really communicate with them – building a bond that they had never experienced before.

She believes that if she had joined the group earlier her son would still be here today:

"I would have known how to protect him as a mother should. But I have learnt to reach out to my other children and be there for them. Thanks to Mothers' Union I know their lives will be different."

Mothers' Union – helping parents support their children through the difficult journey of growing up.