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Why riot? Community, choices, aspirations

WILLIAM, BBC NEWS READER, DYLAN, MATTY, WILLIAM (ACT initiative), SPEAKER 1:

WILLIAM: And the qualities; Leadership, honesty and respect. I don't want to be looked upon as a young hood or a young thug, because I'm not.

[MUSIC PLAYING] *Why Riot? Community, Choices, Aspirations*

BBC NEWS READER: Police in Northern Ireland have used water cannons tonight as more petrol bombs and fireworks were thrown on the seventh night of violence on the streets of Belfast.

DYLAN: I feel like young people nowadays, just don't really know what to do with themselves.

MATTY: We are very misunderstood. The Loyalist community, especially the Shankill. People think we are thugs.

DYLAN: It's not like everyone gets this opportunity to speak.

[MUSIC PLAYING] *This course was made with boys from the Shankill, in Belfast. One of many communities in Northern Ireland deeply affected by a history of conflict and violence.*

It is for any young person seeking to find their own voice in the world and act positively for change.

WILLIAM (ACT Initiative): We're asking you to think beyond, and to raise your aspirations so that you widen your Intelligence, your horizons, your articulation, your political thinking. Be it what it may to you.

[MUSIC PLAYING] *After studying this course, you should be able to consider how external factors shape personal identity and choices. Ask questions and think critically about*

information. Explore different perspectives. Broaden your thoughts about the future and develop a voice to work with others for a positive change.

What we hope that you would take away from this course is that not only do you become a more self-reflected individual, but that you consider those options that you're faced with in life.

So that subsequently, you don't make decisions that somewhere down the line, you will regret.

[MUSIC PLAYING] *Explore the free course [Why Riot? Community, Choices, Aspirations](#).*

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