



**Saturday 25th JUNE 2008**

**SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

**“Youth Violence, It’s all the rage these days!”**

**7:00pm - 9:30pm**

**Registration and refreshments  
from 6:30pm -7:00pm**

**Connaught Hall,  
University of London  
36-45 Tavistock Square  
London WC1H 9EX**

**Fee: £30 (OPUS Associates £15)**

**NB. You can become an Associate  
when booking for this event**

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**Presenter:** Dr. Paul Caviston

**Chaired by:** Kay Trainor, OPUS Associate

Dr Paul Caviston is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. He trained as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist and family therapist. He is Lead consultant to a Specialist Adolescent Psychiatric Service — Brookside ([www.brookside.nelmht.nhs.uk](http://www.brookside.nelmht.nhs.uk)) providing residential therapy, day care, outreach and acute admissions. He has worked in the NHS for 30 years.

Violence is all around us & yet youth violence exerts special attention & fascination among adults. Are young people becoming more violent? Is the blizzard of violent representations that we are fed, on a daily basis, distorting & inflating our sense of fear about daily living?

“Police should harass young thugs. . .Home Secretary wants anti-social youths to be openly filmed and hounded at home. . .to give them a taste of their own medicine. . .relentless filming will give them nowhere to hide”. The Guardian 08.05.08

Does this make any sense or is it just a cynical political manoeuvre?  
Why such nihilism about dealing with anti-social young people?

Drawing on his clinical work, as well as sourcing psychoanalytic literature, Paul will discuss & reflect on the roots of youth violence & our responses to it. He will explore acts of violent behaviour and the contribution that psychoanalytic thinking can make to our understanding of the issues, in particular the roles of shame, abuse and punishment.

Fee £30 (OPUS Associates £15) - includes refreshments. For information please contact as follows: OPUS, 26 Fernhurst Road, London SW6 7JW; 020 7736 3844; or email: [director@opus.org.uk](mailto:director@opus.org.uk)