

The Prevent Agenda

What you need to know

Hull Training and Adult Education (HTAE)



All education providers have a duty to safeguard their learners.

This leaflet gives an introduction to the **Prevent** agenda and Hull Training and Adult Education's responsibilities within that.

Your tutors and assessors will provide opportunities for discussion and debate of the key messages in your teaching and assessment sessions.

The overall aim of **Prevent** is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism by raising awareness of the issues and supporting people who may be vulnerable.

It is important that you understand what is meant by key terms, including extremism, radicalisation and British values, it is also important that you recognise risks and how they could affect you personally.

What is Extremism?

The Government defines extremism as: vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values.

Prevent covers all forms of extremism including:

- Right wing extremism
- Religious extremism
- Animal rights extremism

What is Radicalisation?

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism or extremist ideologies. We work proactively to recognise anyone who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, providing the appropriate level of early intervention and support.

Working together to prevent terrorism

British Values

Teaching British values means providing opportunities which actively promote the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Some of the ways we promote British values include:

Democracy

Democracy is about everyone having their say and making decisions together. At HTAE, learners are encouraged and supported to have their say about their learning and environment.

Regular surveys give learners the opportunity to provide feedback on the service they receive from us.

We also value participating in democratic processes and actively encourage learners to register to vote.

The rule of law

We all meet rules and laws in learning, work and everyday life. At HTAE, understanding the importance of the rule of law is reinforced through our teaching; in following health and safety legislation; through our policies and procedures; and by providing opportunities for debate and discussion.

Individual liberty

We spend time creating a positive culture at HTAE so that learners are in a safe environment where choice and freedom of expression are encouraged. We support learners in how to exercise their freedoms safely and responsibly.

Mutual respect and tolerance

Mutual respect is at the centre of all we do. Respect is shown to staff, employers, learners and visitors alike.

At HTAE we believe that tolerance is gained through knowledge and understanding of our similarities and differences.

We encourage our learners and staff to respect other people with particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

The signs of vulnerability

There is no single way of identifying who is likely to be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. Things that might lead to someone becoming vulnerable could include:

- Loneliness or isolation
- Drugs, gangs, violence and crime
- Family tensions and breakdown, poverty or homelessness
- Personal or political grievances or recent political or religious conversion
- Sexual exploitation, physical or mental abuse

What is Safeguarding?

Prevent is part of HTAE's responsibility to safeguard its learners. Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from harm.

Specifically for **Prevent** this includes providing early intervention to protect and divert children and adults away from being drawn into terrorist activity.

For more information on safeguarding, please see the back page for details.

Prevent Awareness online resources for learners

The Education and Training Foundation has produced a free online course that anyone can use to find out more about the issues around **Prevent**.

The course is called 'Side by Side' and can be found at:

www.etflearners.org.uk

The course has four modules and it takes around two hours to complete them all.

- Extremism and radicalisation
- Online safety
- What can you trust?
- British values

You will need to create a free account when you first log on to the course.

If you need help with this, or would like more information, please talk to your tutor or another staff member.

What is our role?

At HTAE we help learners to be positive members of society, by:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudice and racist comments and behaviours
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Actively promoting British values

We provide information and activities so that you understand how to protect yourself from extremist views you may encounter, helping you to keep safe.

We do this by:

- Embedding British values into our teaching and learning practice
- Monitoring online activity and teaching about keeping safe online
- Ensuring all staff, governors and employers who work with learners receive appropriate training
- Monitoring our external speakers
- Applying safer recruitment practice for our staff

Did you know?

HTAE has access to a range of support services for learners which include:

- Pastoral support
- Drug, Alcohol and Health Awareness
- Careers and Employability Support
- Education and Training Support
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Services
- Mentoring and Counselling

What to do if you are worried or have a concern

If you are worried about anything, please speak to a member of staff, whether that's your assessor, tutor, Safeguarding Officer or another trusted person.

For more Information

If you would like more information or have any questions, please email our Safeguarding Team at learneradvice@hullcc.gov.uk

or phone **01482 615 349** and ask for the Duty Safeguarding Officer.

You will find more details about **Prevent** and Safeguarding in our policies available on our website at:

www.hcctraining.ac.uk/support/safeguarding/

