

St Philip's Centre is a charity set up in 2006 and is rooted in the multi-faith environment of Leicester, the UK's most ethnically diverse city outside of London.

We have a superb track record of promoting positive community relations through our dialogue groups, religion & belief training for public and voluntary organisations, educational courses, leadership programmes for young people, charitable activities such as Mitzvah Day, Sewa Day and organisation of other community events. We are one of the Near Neighbours centre's in England.

St Philip's Centre and its staff have received a number of awards and honours in recognition of their efforts to build and sustain good inter faith relations across communities.

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Understanding PREVENT Key public workers course (Level 2)



COURSE OVERVIEW



The Government has embarked on a wide ranging strategy to tackle and prevent terrorism in the UK. The Prevent strand of the CONTEST strategy is aimed at stopping people becoming terrorists. It is about working with and empowering our communities to challenge extremist messages and ideas that are part of a terrorist ideology. Additionally, it will work to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.



The CONTEST strategy is aimed at all forms of terrorism but will continue to prioritise according to the threat. Attacks caused by criminals, who claim to act in the name of Islam, is a serious concern because the entire Muslim faith then suffers through negative media coverage and discrimination. It should be remembered that thousands of Muslims have lost their lives through terrorist crimes.



This course is aimed to raise awareness about the PREVENT agenda, developing an understanding of Islam, the diversity and dynamics of Muslim communities, internet radicalisation, the far right and other extremist causes so that **public sector workers have a better understanding of the issues and know what their responsibilities are.**



For more information see 'CONTEST – The UK Counter Terrorism Strategy.' <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism/>



USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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CORE TRAINERS



William Baldet has been part of the Prevent strategy since 2008 and is currently the Prevent Coordinator for Leicester. He lectures on right-wing and faith-based extremism at the University of Northampton as well as the use of the internet for radicalisation.

Suleman Nagdi MBE DL is an independent consultant who works with the Police and other public bodies on criminal justice matters. He is Deputy Lieutenant to HM the Queen, Chair of MBCOL and Public Relations Officer for the Federation of Muslim Organisations. Suleman has vast experience of working on community issues with statutory agencies.



Riaz Ravat BEM is Deputy Director of St Philip's Centre. He manages a range of training and education programmes for the Police, councils, schools and colleges. Riaz co-ordinates several of the Centre's inter faith charity events and runs the Catalyst young adults leadership programme as part of the Near Neighbours scheme in Leicester and London.

Yasmin Sheikh is a professionally qualified Youth Worker with experience of working in diverse communities for nearly 15 years in Leicester and Birmingham. She has been involved in various styles of youth work e.g. centre based, detached, outreach, information advice and guidance and crisis intervention work. Her wider experiences involve working on issues such as health, arranged marriages, education, unemployment, family and relationships.



Mohammed Patel works for the Federation of Muslim Organisations (Leicestershire) as the Safeguarding in Madrasah Project Manager. He produced 'Safeguarding children – Guidance for Madrasahs' published in conjunction with Leicester City Council and Leicestershire Constabulary. He is a qualified Imam and involved in a range of programmes to support young people.



"Excellent – best training day I've been on in a long time".
Staff member, Leicester College

"A really good course, well balanced, informative, insightful and interesting. Can I come again?!!! Thank you very much".
Police Officer, Leicestershire Constabulary

"Fantastic – loved it all – really informative".
Staff member, Victim Support

"I would like to thank you and your staff in delivering an exceptionally high standard of training in respect of the Prevent strategy. Your staff were very generous in making sure we were welcome and well fed. We learnt a great deal in a very short period of time. I was reassured that my perception of the various themes discussed was not off key".
Vyv Wilkins, NHS Leicestershire County & Rutland

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course participants should:

- Understand their responsibilities under the prevent agenda and be able to deal confidently with matters arising
- Acquire an in depth understanding of radicalisation in the name of Islam, the far right and other extremist causes
- Know how terrorist narratives can reinvent themselves
- Be able to identify similarities and differences in forms and methods of radicalisation
- Have increased understanding of the forms and methods of radicalisation facing frontline workers when working with communities
- Know about how to assess and make appropriate referrals
- Be able to provide counter narratives
- Have increased their knowledge of Islam (belief and political)
- Have a better understanding of the varieties of schools of thought and theological interpretations within Islam
- Understand some of the variety of cultural differences which impact on the practice of Islam and expectations of different communities
- Be more aware of the diversity and relationships between communities
- Be able to develop ideas for building resilient communities



DAY ONE PROGRAMME

- 09.15 Welcome
- 09.25 What is PREVENT & Contest?
- 09.40 The Far Right
- 11.00 Coffee/ tea break
- 11.15 Islam Quiz
- 11.45 Muslims in Leicestershire & UK
- 12.45 Lunch (BST) **or** Visit to Masjid (GMT)
- 13.20 Visit to Masjid (BST) **or** Lunch (GMT)
- 13.50 Narratives and grievances (part 1)
- 14.45 Reflection time over coffee/ tea break
- 15.00 Coffee/ tea break
- 15.15 Narratives and grievances (part 2)
- 16.00 Close



Participants will then be given a task to complete at the end of day one and asked to feedback at the start of day two. There is a gap of one week between day one and day two. The timetables for both days are provisional and may be subject to change.

There is a specified dress code for the visit to the Masjid on day one and the madrassah on day two. Long skirt/ ankle length trousers, arms covered and head scarf for females. Shoes removed and left in racks at the entrance of the venue. Mobile phones switched off. No alcohol or tobacco products to be taken into place of worship.

DAY TWO PROGRAMME

- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.15 Internet radicalisation & other forms of extremism
- 14.15 Comfort break
- 14.20 Safeguarding in Madrassahs
- 15.20 Coffee / tea break
- 15.40 Young people & radicalisation risks
- 16.50 SAVE DVD
- 17.00 Madrassah travel & visit
- 18.30 Channel Project & Community Engagement Team (1)
- 18.45 Buffet dinner
- 19.15 Channel Project & Community Engagement Team (2)
- 19.45 Evaluations & final comments
- 20.00 Close

