



Counter-Extremism Strategy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 De Montfort University recognises its duty to protect academic freedom and freedom of expression, to uphold the integrity of the institution as a place for learning and teaching. In addition, the university is committed to ensuring that radicalisation and all forms of extremism are countered through the Prevent agenda, as required of all UK universities.
- 1.2 This strategy document outlines the approach taken by the university in regards to countering extremism and the wider Prevent agenda. Its introduction coincides with the implementation of the Prevent Duty and builds on the requirement under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to 'have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'¹. The Prevent Duty Guidance for higher education institutions in England and Wales came into effect on 18 September 2015.
- 1.3 The university recognises the benefit of making our approach to Prevent transparent and accessible to all members of the university. This document, therefore, aims to summarise the way in which we will continue to uphold freedom of expression and counter-extremism.

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7.3 In conjunction with the university's policy, the Students' Union has its own complementary procedures in place in relation to events organised by its societies where external speakers will be participating.

8. Sensitive Research

8.1 In certain circumstances, some staff members and students may require access to sensitive material as part of their academic work. In such circumstances, the university's Policy on Access and Handling Sensitive Materials for Teaching and Research will be followed to ensure the relevant approvals are granted and the impact on academic freedom is minimal. It is the responsibility of academic supervisors to ensure that students app1 Tc 0.07
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