



# Counter-Extremism Strategy

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 De Montfort University recognises its duty to uphold freedom of expression, to uphold the integrity of the institution and to ensure the learning environment is safe. In addition, the university is committed to ensuring that extremist views are countered through the Prevent strategy.
- 1.2 This strategy document outlines the approach to countering extremism and the wider Prevent strategy, the implementation of the Prevent Duty and building resilience. The Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to 'have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'<sup>1</sup>. The Prevent Duty Guidance in England and Wales came into effect on 18 September 2016.
- 1.3 The university recognises the benefit of making our resources and services accessible to all members of the university. This document outlines how we will summarise the way in which we will continue to uphold freedom of expression and counter extremism.

## 2. Scope



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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