

Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Safeguarding (PREVENT) Policy

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1 Introduction

Suffolk New College is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its students and apprentices. Every member of staff recognises that safeguarding

What is Extremism?

intervene and ensure that we have strong safeguarding practices based on the most up-to-date guidance and best practise.

3 Ethos and approach

There is no place for the expression of extremist views of any kind in our college, whether from internal sources – students, apprentices, staff or governors, or external sources – the college community, external agencies or individuals. This aim of this policy is not about the restriction of freedom of speech, but allowing students to shape how their individual views are expressed and in doing so, demonstrating an understanding of those who may have different views and beliefs.

As a college we recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for students and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern as set out in this policy. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge the promotion or expression of extremist views we are failing to protect our students.

We will all strive to eradicate the myths and assumptions that can lead to some young people becoming alienated and disempowered, especially where the approaches students may experience elsewhere may make it harder for them to challenge or question these radical influences, this guidance and support should be delivered in tutorials.

We will ensure that all of our support and approaches will help our students and apprentices build resilience to extremism and give them a positive sense of identity through the development of critical thinking skillf

The College has chaplaincy support, prayer and multi-faith facilities which are available for students to use, and apprentices when they are on site. The college will advocate on behalf of apprentices who require these facilities in the workplace to ensure that appropriate ones are made available for them to use.

4 Use of External Visitors and Guest Speakers

At Suffolk New College we encourage the use of external visitors or guest speakers to enrich the experiences of our students, however we will positively vet those external agencies, individuals or speakers who we engage to provide such learning opportunities or experiences for our students and apprentices. Staff will intervene in any presentation or discussion led by an external speaker where they judge the content is inappropriate and may lead to positive reinforcement of actions that promote extremism.

External visitors and guest speakers must be supervised by a College member of staff at all times. The College recognises that there may be occasions where external visitors or guest speakers will use the College facilities and will not be supervised. In these instances staff must follow the guidance outlined within the External Speakers Policy regarding vetting and risk assessments.

5 Reporting Procedure

The College's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is the named contact in relation

6 Training

Whole college in-service training on Safeguarding is organised for staff and governors every two years with annual briefings and bulletins and will comply with the prevailing arrangements agreed by the Local Authority and the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership.

- The College has procedures in place to investigate and deal with this issue and take them seriously.
- So if you have concerns about your well-being or that of others please share them with; your personal tutor, assessor or with any member of staff.