

Tower Hamlets' Prevent Resources

As of July 2015 it has been statutory for schools to engage with the Prevent Agenda. On these memory sticks you will find information about the agenda requirements as well as Tower Hamlets guidance on Prevent policies. There are also a number of classroom resources that teachers may use to support their delivery of the unit.

These memory sticks are intended to be a tool to help teachers manage difficult conversations about controversial issues. In Tower Hamlets we take the view that the Prevent agenda is a continuation of the good work schools already do in promoting tolerance, diversity and individual liberty. Therefore, the subject matter that can be discussed in schools should not be limited to radicalisation and extremism, and may well include topics that range from prejudice in general to e-safety and possibly how Britain should respond to the refugee crisis. What is essential is that young people can discuss controversial issues in a safe environment and that they are encouraged to be critical thinkers.

These lessons are not to be delivered solely in response to the Prevent agenda, nor are they compulsory. This resource pack should be viewed as a toolkit which teachers can use at their own discretion. There are suggested lessons which have been trialled in primary and secondary schools that make up a scheme of work but no teacher should feel compelled to teach these lessons if they are not comfortable with the subject matter. A school can use as little or as many of these resources as they choose.

There are also further materials, including tutor discussions, assemblies, and additional lessons which can be used at will.

Teachers are urged to ensure they are familiar with the lessons before teaching them. Teachers should also be encouraged to add, change and remove slides/activities as they see fit. Not all lessons or activities may be relevant to your school.

The lessons have been created using Microsoft PowerPoint. Teacher's notes on how to manage the activities are in the comments section of the slides, as are some links to other websites and news articles where you can access more information. It is recommended that you print the slides with notes so that you can refer to these during the lesson.

The printouts for student activities have been added to the end of each of the presentations, so these can easily be printed prior to lessons.

If you would like to see these lessons modelled, require additional support, or if you have suggestions for other lessons please get in contact with Tom Llewellyn-Jones

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