

Counter-Extremism Strategy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 De Montfort University recognises its commitment to academic freedom of expression, to uphold the integrity of the university for learning and research. In addition, the university is committed to the prevention and mitigation of extremism. Extremism are countered through the Prevent Duty and the wider Prevent Strategy.
- 1.2 This strategy document outlines the approach to the prevention of extremism and the wider Prevent Duty. It sets out the university's approach to the implementation of the Prevent Duty and how it aligns with the Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to 'have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'¹. The Prevent Duty in England and Wales came into effect on 18 March 2015.
- 1.3 The university recognises the benefit of making the university a safe and accessible to all members of the university. This strategy document sets out the way in which we will continue to uphold freedom of expression and academic freedom.

2. Scope

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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 D (pr)-29.60.1canag(-3 (-3.1t. i)1ab

