Preventing Extremism

Because there are concerns about people in the UK supporting extremism or becoming extremists the Government has introduced its Prevent strategy.

It seeks to protect vulnerable people against messages of violent extremism from different groups who seek to undermine fundamental British Values and this also includes call for the death of members of the British armed forces.

Prevent is not about preventing learners from having political and religious views and opinions but about supporting them to share these concerns or act on them in non-extremist ways.

What are British Values?

British values are defined as “democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs”; institutions are expected to encourage learners to respect other people with particular regard for the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

Dudley Adult and Community Learning:

- Raises awareness with staff and partners to prevent learners becoming victims or potential causes of harm.
- Values freedom of speech as part of its commitment to equality and diversity but will not tolerate free speech or beliefs/ideology which seek to manipulate the vulnerable, or that leads to violence and harm of others.
- Promotes responsible and effective use of ICT to prevent accessing illegal and inappropriate content. Websites and social networking sites are vehicles for extremists to promote their message. Staff can offer guidance to learners who have concerns or feel their family is vulnerable to this type of radicalization.
- Is clear that radicalization and extremism are viewed as a safeguarding concern and a clear referral process is included within safeguarding procedures.
- Raises awareness about the threat from violent extremist activities within the area.
- Promotes the positive contribution we can make to communities and recognizes the importance of protecting the well being and equalities of learners or groups who may be vulnerable to being drawn into violent or extremist activity.

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