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LEEDS PREVENT COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

Together against radicalisation and extremism

Welcome to our August 2023 newsletter!

This newsletter is designed to keep you up to-date with current information in respect to safeguarding against radicalisation, key policies, strategic updates, training and good practice.

If you would like something to be featured in a future issue then please email karl.bradley@leeds.gov.uk



On the 05/12/2023 the Leeds Prevent Team will be hosting a **Community Roundtable event** at the Civic Hall. The Community Roundtable is a place for you to share any concerns and ask questions around Prevent. If you would like an opportunity to learn more about Prevent and share your thoughts at the event then please email prevent@leeds.gov.uk who will add you to the invite list.

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PREVENT TEAM NEWS

**GOOD LUCK
BRENDAN**

In February, Leeds Prevent said goodbye to Brendan Tannam as he moved to take on the role of Senior Policy and Performance Officer in the Safer Stronger Communities Team. Although Brendan hasn't moved far, we were very sad to see him go but wish him the very best of luck in the new role!

Karl Bradley has joined Leeds Prevent as the new Prevent Community Engagement Officer. His role is to work with community groups, faith establishments and third sector organisations to raise awareness of the prevent programme and the risks of radicalisation.

Karl would really welcome meeting with organisations and their service users to talk about the Prevent Programme, offer support and to become a point of contact for the future. If you would like to contact Karl his email is -
karl.bradley@leeds.gov.uk

**WELCOME TO
KARL**



Refreshed CONTEST Strategy

CONTEST is the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. Its aim is to reduce the risk to the UK and threats from overseas. In July, the government launched a refreshed approach to the CONTEST strategy. If you would like to read more on the new strategy you can find more information here.

[Refreshed CONTEST Strategy 2023](#)

Andrew Tate arrest

In June, Andrew Tate was charged and placed under house arrest. Andrew Tate has been described as the "King of Toxic Masculinity" and has influenced the behaviours of young people in our communities. We have created a new and free training package on "The Manosphere and The Incel Movement" which goes into more detail on this topic. See our "Useful Information" section later in the newsletter on how to access this.

Martyn's Law update

Martyn's Law is a bill going through legislative processes that will require venues and publicly accessible locations to implement appropriate security and mitigation measures against the threat of terrorism. In May the Government published the draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill a.k.a Martyn's Law for pre-legislative scrutiny. Although there isn't a date for the introduction of Martyn's Law we advise that you use the following link to learn about who it will apply to and what the requirements will be when the new legislation is put in place.

[Martyn's Law Fact Sheet](#)





USEFUL INFORMATION

The Manosphere and the Incel Movement FREE training

We are offering new training as part of a response to concerns from people in our communities who work with young people. The Manosphere is a network of online men's communities promoting anti-feminist beliefs. To learn more on how you can spot signs and behaviour associated with this and how to tackle concerns please feel free to book onto the course by emailing prevent@leeds.gov.uk.

Prevent Awareness FREE Training

Our Prevent Awareness training is interactive and can be delivered online or face to face. We cover the aims of prevent, the current risk and threat picture, what makes someone vulnerable to radicalisation. In addition, we will show you the signs of behaviour which might give you cause for concern and tell you what help is available in Leeds. If you would like to book onto the free training, please email prevent@leeds.gov.uk

Protective Security for Places of Worship Extension

The application process for the Protective Security for Places of Worship schemes has now been extended. The application process will now close on **5th September 2023**. SAFE by CST are offering an additional free webinar to guide you through the process.

Monday 21st August at 12:30pm – register on their [Zoom Hub](#).

For more information concerning eligibility, further details on what the schemes cover, the application process and supporting guidance, please visit: [Guidance - Places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme](#)

Compassionate City Awards 2023

The Compassionate City Awards recognise the outstanding individuals and organisations who make a difference to their communities. They showcase the best that Leeds has to offer, highlighting those who go above and beyond to help make Leeds a special place to live and work. If you know of any exceptional individuals, projects, or organisations that may be suitable for an award, you can nominate them here: bit.ly/compassion2023. There are nine award categories.



PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY

Look Further, Think Wider, See More

What is it?

Professional curiosity involves a practitioner who actively seeks to understand what is happening with a family or individual, rather than relying on assumptions or accepting information without scrutiny. It entails various aspects, such as challenging professional assumptions, incorporating information from multiple sources to gain a more profound insight, which aids in making informed predictions about future outcomes. Additionally, it involves going beyond the surface and questioning apparent observations. In essence, it encompasses a holistic approach, combining observation, attentive listening, direct inquiries, verification, and thoughtful contemplation of all the information received.

Why is it important?

Professional curiosity is important because it helps practitioners understand the context of a situation in order to make an informed decision. It also helps build relationships with individuals by exploring their wishes, views, experiences whilst showing that you are listening. Some people may lack confidence or be unable to speak for themselves. Being professionally curious is important because it gives them an opportunity to communicate. Ultimately by being curious, persistent, proactive and working together, it helps keep people safe.

For more information on Professional Curiosity please follow the link to Leeds City Council's one minute guide below.

[Professional Curiosity - One Minute Guide](#)



RECOMMENDED VIEWING/READING

Laura Whitmore Investigates

The third episode of Laura's investigates series focuses on the incel community. This is a really interesting documentary in learning about what it means to be an incel and why people are gravitating towards the community.

[ITV's Laura Whitmore Investigates - INCELS](#)

Life Inside a Neo-Nazi Group

LadBible have posted a fascinating interview with a former Neo Nazi. He discusses how he was radicalised, what his experiences were like in groups he joined and how he realised that what he was doing was wrong.

[My Life Inside A Neo-Nazi Group | Minutes With | @LADbible - YouTube](#)

Tech Against Terrorism - Gaming & Extremism: Identity Fusion

This podcast dives into the increasing use of the internet by terrorists and extremists. This episode in particular looks into gaming and why there are risks involved when it comes to radicalisation

[Tech Against Terrorism - Gaming](#)

Marianna in Conspiracyland

If you like listening to investigative podcasts we would suggest giving this one a try! Marianna is the BBC's Disinformation and Social Media Correspondent. In this podcast she investigates the rise in conspiracy movements in the UK and the newspaper at it's heart

[Marianna in Conspiracyland - Radio 4 Podcast](#)

OTHER USEFUL LINKS

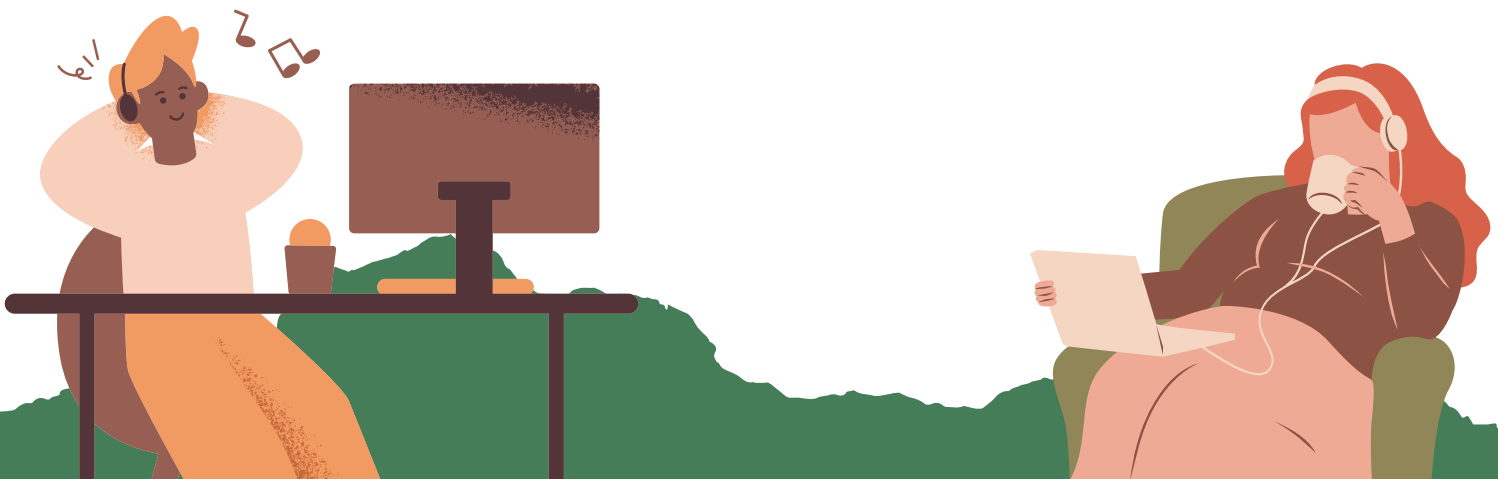
[Managing difficult conversations \(leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk\)](https://www.leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk)

Home Office Prevent posters

a collection of Prevent assets available free to download that include Prevent posters

Keep Children Safe In out-of-school settings:code of practice

Safeguarding in your organisation & Faith Communities



THANK YOU!

Thank you for reading our Leeds Prevent Community Newsletter. If you need further information or if you have a query, email the Prevent Team on: prevent@leeds.gov.uk

If you're worried about someone

If you're worried that you or someone you know is being radicalised, our Prevent team can help. We support vulnerable people from being drawn into extremist or terrorist behaviour. You can also [visit Act Early for help, support and advice on preventing radicalisation](#)

Call or email us and we'll discuss your concerns with you. We will ask you why you think someone is at risk and decide how we can help. We may ask you to complete a referral form so that we can support the person you're worried about.

Phone: 0113 535 0810 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm)

Email: prevent@leeds.gov.uk

You can also call the police Prevent team on **0113 241 3386** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm).