

# The Prevent duty, 'extremism' and 'radicalisation'

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#### **Preventing violent extremism in educational establishments**

Katy Sian

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Stephanie Petrie

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#### **The belief system of the Islamophobes**

Arun Kundnani

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Sadek Hamid

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#### **MEND review of counter extremism strategy**

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#### **Education Not Surveillance**

Bill Bolloten

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#### **The dangers of UK's new counter-extremism strategy**

Peter Osborne

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#### **Britain's Counter Extremism Policies are Criminalising Muslim Thought and Expression**

Jahangir Mohammed

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## **Campaigning resources**

### **PREVENT Watch**

<http://www.preventwatch.org>

*PREVENT Watch is a community led initiative which supports people impacted by PREVENT. Established in September 2014 by a group of community organisations we have supported over 100 cases. We employ case workers and volunteers and have a reach into communities across the country.*

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### **Central Foundation Boy's School pupil was accused of extremism**

James Morris

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Jack Grove

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### **PREVENT: protecting the vulnerable?**

Emily Cousens

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### **War on terror begins in class**

Dawn Marsden

<http://www.oldham-chronicle.co.uk/news-features/8/news-headlines/94432/war-on-terror-begins-in-class>

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John Bingham

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Simon Hooper

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Press Association

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Natasha Ion

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Hussein Kesvani

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Oliver Wright

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Anwar Omeish

<http://harvardpolitics.com/harvard/sam-harris-maajid-nawaz-illusion-knowledge/c>

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Sally Weale

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Freddie Whittaker

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Mark Tran

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Tom Whitehead

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Andrew Clennell

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Alexandra Topping

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Owen Bowcott

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Randa Abdel-Fattah

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Huzna Rizvi

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Sajda Khan

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Imogen Calderwood

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## **Children can be taken away by social services over 'secret MI5 allegations they cannot rebut'**

Evan Bartlett

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Faith Matters

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Patrick Wintour

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Angelique Chrisafis

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Ismaeel Nakhuda

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Yusuf Hassan

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Erasmus

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Gordon Carson

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Saeeda Shah

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James Morris

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Daniel Boffey

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Randeep Ramesh

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Alan Travis

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Sandy Rashty

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Matt Dathan

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Vikram Dodd and Alan Travis

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Dominic Casciani

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Ramadhan Foundation

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Muslim Council of Britain

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Charlie Cooper

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Matthew Goodwin

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Matt Dathan

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Freddie Whittaker

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Joshua Rozenberg

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Alan Greene

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Jenny Jones

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Russell Hobby

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David Walker

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Randeep Ramesh

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Randeep Ramesh

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Tom Sheldrick

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Yasser Louati

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Michael Safi

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Maria W. Norris

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Rebecca Riddell

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## **What lessons from Trojan Horse case?**

Sean Coughlan

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## **Want to create more extremists? Ignore the Islamophobia people like me face every day**

Shehab Khan

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Matt Coward

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Peter Osborne

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## **Students' union rejects government funds in protest over 'entryism agenda'**

Daniel Boffey

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Nick Miller

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Harriet Sherwood and Alberto Nardelli

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Siraj Dato

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Rahila Gupta

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Rachel Shabi

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Leda Blackwood

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Mark Tran

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Alex Preston

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Ben Quinn

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Jack Grove

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Josh Halliday

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Bethan McKernan

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