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# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Preventing Children & Young People from Radicalisation & Extremism Conference

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Event Guide





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# Welcome Letter

Dear Delegate,

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Preventing Children & Young People from Radicalisation & Extremism Conference

Preventing Children & Young People from Radicalisation & Extremism is one of the most significant and important challenges of our generation. In October 2015, the Government published its Counter-Extremism strategy which set out a programme of work that focused on the non-violent harms of extremism. The government's counter-terrorism programme has a specific focus on "prevent" which aims to anticipate and stop attacks by supporting vulnerable communities; improving the resilience of local authorities; and preventing radicalisation.

This second annual conference offers delegates the perfect opportunity to investigate the best ways of tackling extremism in education throughout the UK. Bringing together key organisations we will examine updates of the Prevent duty policy and what the next steps are to tackle extremism in education. We will have best practice case-studies from schools, universities and local authorities on the best approach to community cohesion and what we as a whole society are doing to tackle our biggest challenge – terrorism and extremism in education.

If you have any questions or queries please ask our onsite management team, who will be more than happy to help you. They are located at the registration desk.

We hope you have a rewarding and enjoyable day.

Yours Truly,

David Blake  
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### [Higher Education Marketing and Communications Conference, Manchester 2020](#)

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The Centre's simulations enable players to work through situations, encouraging reflection and review. These tools develop confidence and skills to manage child protection issues. They include neglect and court skills for professionals, and signs of online grooming for radicalisation and child sexual exploitation in the format of the latest social media apps for professionals and young people,

The Centre brings together inter-professional perspectives using innovative techniques throughout its two-year distance learning MA in Advanced Child Protection. Modules are available as standalones, and including '*Direct Work with Children*'.

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# Agenda AM

- 09:00-09:50      **Registration, Refreshments and Networking**
- 09:50-10:00      **Chair's Welcome Address**  
Dr Joel Busher, Associate Professor, Coventry University, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations
- 10:00-10:20      **Keynote Address: Helping Schools Tackle Radicalisation by Implementing the Prevent Strategy**  
Sophie Taylor, Director, Due Diligence and Counter Extremism, Department for Education
- 10:20-10:40      **Case Study: Mainstreaming Prevent Across Service Areas and Working with Schools to Help them Address the Prevent Agenda**  
Waqar Ahmed, Prevent Lead, Birmingham City Council
- 10:40-11:00      **Key Supporter Session: Applying a Contextual Safeguarding Framework to Protecting Children and Young People from Radicalisation and Extremism via Interactive Classroom Tools**  
Professor Jane Reeves, Director, University of Kent Centre for Child Protection
- 11:00-11:20      **Question and Answer Session**
- 11:20-11:50      **Refreshment and Networking Break**
- 11:50-12:10      **Keynote Address: Preventing Violent Extremism through Education (PVEe) – the Peace Foundation and Experiential Learning**  
Nick Taylor, Chief Executive, Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation
- 12:10-12:30      **Case Study: Engaging with Radicalisation in the Classroom: can philosophy play a role?**  
Dr Farid Panjwani, Associate Lecturer and Director, Centre for Research and Evaluation in Muslim Education, University College London
- 12:30-12:50      **Keynote Address: Setting out the Government's Vision for Counter Terrorism**  
Dr Sara Skodbo, Director of Prevent, Home Office
- 12:50-13:10      **Question and Answer Session**
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- 13:20- 14:20      **Lunch and Networking**

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# Agenda PM

14:20-15:00 **Training Session: Side by Side – Prevent Duty Awareness for Teachers, Trainers and Sector Professionals**

Selina Stewart, Education & Training Foundation

15:00-15:20 **Refreshment and Networking Break**

15:20-15:40 **Case Study: Spotting the Signs: Identifying Children and Young People who are most Vulnerable to Radicalisation**

Emma Fox, Research Analyst Specialising in Domestic Extremist Networks

15:40-16:00 **Case Study: A Local Authority Led, Multi-Agency Approach to Preventing Radicalisation**

Martin Pratt, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director Supporting People, London Borough of Camden

16:00-16:20 **Interactive Session: Small Steps: Providing a Pathway Away from Radicalisation**

Nigel Bromage, Founder, Small Steps

16:20-16:40 **Question and Answer Session**

16:40 **Chair's Summary and Close**

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# Speaker Biographies

## Dr Joel Busher

Associate Professor, Coventry University

Dr Joel Busher is Associate Professor at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR), Coventry University, and chair of their Working Group on P/CVE. His main research interests are in the escalation, de-escalation and non-escalation of political violence; far right and anti-minority politics; and the enactment of counter-terrorism policy and its societal impacts. He has published extensively on these topics. With Tufyal Choudhury (Durham University) and Paul Thomas (University of Huddersfield), he published the first major report on the 'Prevent Duty' in education, and is joint editor of a forthcoming book *The Prevent Duty in Education: Enactment, Impact and Implications* (Palgrave). He is an Associate Editor of *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression*; a member of the editorial board of *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change*, joint editor of a forthcoming book, *Researching the Far Right: Theory, Method and Practice* (Routledge), and joint editor of a forthcoming issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* on 'Explaining restraint: Why some militants don't do as much violence as they could'. His book, *The making of anti-Muslim protest: Grassroots activism in the English Defence League* (Routledge), received the British Sociological Association's Philip Abrams Memorial Prize.

He tweets @joel\_busher.



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## Sophie Taylor

Director, Diligence and Counter Extremism, Department for Education

Sophie Taylor is Deputy Director for Due Diligence and Counter Extremism in the Department for Education. This role covers all aspects of Prevent and Countering Extremism for the schools, Further Education and Higher Education sectors, as well as wider responsibility for integration and equalities. Her previous roles in DfE include: Head of the Permanent Secretary's Office and Board Secretariat; Private Secretary to successive Secretaries of State; policy and delivery roles on the Academies programme, including projects linked to the 2012 Olympics; and a policy adviser role within the Department's strategic finance function. She is also chair of governors of a primary school in North London.



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## Waqar Ahmed

Prevent Lead, Birmingham City Council

Waqar is currently Birmingham City Council's Lead for the 'Prevent' strand of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST; a lead responsibility he has held since April 2011. In his role Waqar oversees the coordination of Prevent activity in the city and has helped develop and coordinate a programme that is built around mainstreaming the agenda within a wider safeguarding context.

Prior to working for Birmingham City Council Waqar was the regional Prevent Manager for the Government Office West Midlands since December 2006 where he was responsible for coordinating the delivery of the Government's strategy to prevent violent extremism across the West Midlands. One of the longest serving Prevent practitioners Waqar has worked through different iterations of the Prevent Programme giving him invaluable knowledge and expertise in the field.

Waqar was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours list in 2015 for services to challenging extremism and empowering communities.



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## Professor Jane Reeves

Director, University of Kent Centre for Child Protection



## Nick Taylor

Chief Executive, Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation

Prior to this appointment Nick played a significant role in developing his own company Bodyproject from new business start-up in 2007 to a position as one of the North West's high growth companies. Bodyproject specialises in advanced stakeholder management, marketing communications and corporate, environmental and social governance. The Bodyproject Foundation was established to promote health and well-being, particularly psychological health related to image, identity and personality. Much of this work informs Nick's leadership of the Peace Foundation and the creation of the Survivors Assistance Network that is supporting people affected by terrorist attacks at home and abroad.

His 38-year career has covered many disciplines including 13 years as a career Civil Servant working in welfare and later IT. Two decades ago he moved into communications, specialising in advertising, political affairs, internal communications, media, corporate responsibility, marketing, and public relations.

A former Director of Communications at United Utilities, he was responsible for their 59,000 HA of land spanning National Parks to urban environments. He was part of their critical incident response handling civil incidents such as the Carlisle floods, BSE in Cumbria, potential dam breaches, major power outages. In 2002, he directed utility operations at the Manchester Commonwealth Games mitigating over 250 risks and dealing with 70 incidents during the event leading to the award of the National Utility Team of the Year award in 2003. He has worked on many critical incident and national infrastructure projects including reconfigurations of NHS hospital services, waste industry management and gas storage.

Charity, social and community enterprise, and corporate and social responsibility programmes are close to Nick's heart and he has invested a significant amount of his personal time and energies over the past decade into his roles at various charities such as chairing a regional air ambulance, a heritage trust and an arts complex charity. He suspended his business in 2013 to take up his role at the Peace Foundation for an initial period of three months. Five years on he remains fascinated by the challenge of preventing violent extremism.



## Dr Farid Panjwani

Associate Lecturer and Director, Centre for Research and Evaluation in Muslim Education, University College London

Dr Farid Panjwani is an Associate Professor at the UCL Institute of Education, University College London where he is also the founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Education in Muslim Contexts (CEMC). Dr Panjwani received his doctorate from University of Oxford in philosophy of education. He also holds a master's degree in Education and International Development from the University of London and a degree in Business Administration. With his broad interest in various fields of the humanities, Dr Panjwani has researched, taught and published on several topics including religious education in schools, inter and intra-religious diversity, interface between religious and citizenship education, place of imagination in learning and the rise of extremism in contemporary times. He has acted as a consultant to many organisations, both nationally and internationally. He was a member of the National Commission on Religious Education which published its final report last year.



## Dr Sara Skodbo

Director of Prevent, Home Office

Since January 2019 Sara has been acting Director Prevent, RICU and JEXU, in the Office for Security and Counter Terrorism (OSCT) at the UK Home Office. This is the UK Government directorate responsible for countering violent extremism including online.



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Prior to this Sara was Deputy Director for CBRNE and S&T at the Home Office, responsible for the end to end policy and operational response requirements to enable the UK to counter and respond to domestic CBRNE terrorist attacks. She was also responsible for the science and technology programme that supports the UK counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST) and serious and organised crime.

Previous roles included: Head of Prevent at the Home Office Strategic Centre for Organised Crime, where Sara led on establishing the Prevent strand of the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy; Programme Director for Reducing Reoffending Analysis and Research at the Ministry of Justice; and Head of Organised Crime Research at the Home Office. Her government publications include producing the first estimates of the scale and costs of organised crime, as well as driving forward innovative data analytics work on drugs, and CT.

Prior to joining government Sara was a postdoctoral fellow of social anthropology at University College London (UCL) University of London. Sara's academic background is in social anthropology where she had a particular interest in innovation and the relationship between government, industry and citizen.



## Selina Stewart

### Education & Training Foundation

Selina leads the Prevent duty support programme for FE and training providers at the Education and Training Foundation. In this role she has led the development of the Prevent for FE and Training website, staff training modules and Side by Side learner modules for post 16 learners. She also carries out training on Prevent for providers across the sector.

Selina's background is in sixth form college and FE teaching in Birmingham. She taught Foundation Skills at Solihull College and History and Access to HE at Matthew Boulton College (now BMet). She then worked at Joseph Chamberlain College progressing from part time lecturer in History and Critical Thinking to senior manager with responsibility for adult and community learning. Selina went on to work at LSIS as programme development manager for governance and Director of Governance at AoC. She has also worked at Tower Hamlets College and Kidderminster College as an interim manager.



## Emma Fox

### Research Analyst Specialising in Domestic Extremist Networks

Emma Fox is a Research Analyst whose work specialises on domestic extremist networks and their exploitation of the public and charitable sector.

She was previously the Director of Student Rights, a programme analysing the vulnerability of students to extremism within Higher Education. As Student Rights Director, Emma published the 'Extreme Speakers and Events: 2017/18' and 'Profiting from Prejudice: How Mend's "IAM" Campaign Legitimised Extremism' reports.

Emma later joined the Centre on Radicalisation and Terrorism at the Henry Jackson Society where she focused on the influence of UK extremist networks in civil society and Islamist terrorism in the Middle East.

Her work has been published across national media, including within The Daily Telegraph and The Times.



## Martin Pratt

### Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director Supporting People, London Borough of Camden

Martin is the Executive Director, Supporting People, the Statutory DCS and the Deputy Chief Executive for the London Borough of Camden. He chairs the Association of London Directors Children's Services (ALDCS) and leads for them on Prevent and Youth Justice. He is also a member of the Council



of Reference of The Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS).

Martin has over thirty five years' experience in the field of Children's Services and Education and was previously Director of Children and Learning at Luton Borough Council. He was a member of the Implementation and Advisory Group for the DfE and DH Safeguarding Children Research Initiative, the findings of which were published in the Messages from Research series. Previously he has acted as an Expert Adviser on "Issues in Earlier Intervention - identifying and supporting Children with Additional Needs" – a DCSF research publication (March 2010) and was a member of the National Task and Finish group on Children's Workforce Reform. He contributed a chapter to 'Rethinking Children's Services' published by the National Children's Bureau and Catch 22 and he co-authored a chapter in "Moving on from Munro" (Policy Press, 2014) on Local Safeguarding Children Boards.



## Nigel Bromage Founder, Small Steps

Born in Birmingham, Nigel spent twenty years in the Far Right.

Nigel Bromage is a former member of the National Front, British Movement and Combat 18.

Nigel now dedicates his life to countering extremism and hate. His first-hand experience of the social and psychological tools extremist groups and activists use to identify, befriend and recruit vulnerable people into extremism and of the significant challenges and risks facing those exiting those groups gave him unique experience which he used to found Small Steps Consultancy in 2015. Small Steps; raises awareness of extremism and provides a supportive exit-strategy for people wanting to leave extremist involvement; as well as training for local frontline professionals, teachers and community leaders to identify and intervene in cases where there may be a vulnerability to extremist ideology.

Nigel has also worked for local and central Government mapping geographic and demographic areas at risk of rising tension caused by inequality, a lack of cohesion and increasing extremist influence.

Nigel has provided 1:1 mentoring for individuals vulnerable to radicalisation and has supported indoctrinated individuals out of exploitation and manipulation by extremist groups.

Nigel is currently one of six specialist advisers for Siddiq Khan, Mayor of London, providing independent guidance on the countering violent extremism programme. Last year, Nigel was also a Commissioner on the Greater Manchester, Tackling Hateful Extremism and Promoting Social Cohesion Commission which was set up by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, in response to the attack on Manchester Arena in March 2017.

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## Delegate List

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*Chief Inspector, Avon & Somerset Constabulary*  
*Community Co-coordinator counter extremism, London Borough of Hounslow*  
*Community Cohesion & Participation Mgr. Prevent & CE Lead, London Borough of Hounslow*  
*Community Cohesion & Participation Mgr. Prevent & CE Lead, London Borough of Hounslow*  
*Community Safety Manager, Rushmoor Borough Council*  
*Community Safety Officer, Rushmoor Borough Council*  
*Deputy Head, Winchmore School*  
*DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD, Central Foundation Girls School*  
*DIRECTOR OF BOARDING, STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL*  
*Education lead for Prevent, Bristol City Council*  
*Head of Community Partnerships Unit, London Borough of Hounslow*  
*Head of Community Partnerships Unit, London Borough of Hounslow*  
*Head of Further Education Office, University of the Arts London*  
*Head of Prevent, Counter Terrorism Policing South East, CTPSE*  
*Head of Safeguarding, Guildhall School of Music & Drama*  
*Home Office, Calder Conferences & World of Travel*  
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**West Berkshire Council**  
*Newly Qualified Social Worker, Thurrock Council*  
*Outreach Officer, Coalition on violence against women (COVAW)*  
*Pastoral Support Manager - Safeguarding, Stewards Academy*  
*Prevent Education Officer, Derby City Council*  
*Prevent Programme Manager, London Borough of Camden*  
*Progression Mentor, Brooklands College*  
*Safeguarding And Prevent Lead, Brooklands College*  
*Senior Personal Tutor / Sports Teacher, Godalming College*  
*Service Manager Adult Safeguarding, Kirklees Council Well-Being and Integration*  
*Social Inclusion Development Officer, Glasgow City Council*  
*Team Manager, Thurrock Council*



## Thank you for attending our conference.

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