

Welfare Awareness Topic: British Values- Individual Liberty

Overview –*The Prevent Duty is the responsibility that all education providers have to discuss the threat of radicalisation with their students (check out our Welfare Awareness Topic on Prevent for more info) To accompany this, it's also important to promote British Values. The Department of Education has specified the four fundamental elements as: Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.*

So, what is Individual Liberty?

Individual Liberty is the right to **believe, act and express oneself freely.** Individual liberty suggests the free exercise of rights generally seen as outside Government control. It is the protection of your rights and the rights of others. Equality and Human Rights. ...

So, citizens are allowed to express themselves freely. The term “freedom of speech” is key to this meaning that people are able to cite their opinions by written or spoken word whilst being contained within the rules of law. People are allowed to make their own choices about how they behave whilst sitting within the other three British Values. **Freedom of speech does not however allow you to commit offences against other persons or the state.**

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- Equality and Human Rights
- Respect and Dignity
- Rights, choice, consent and individuality
- Values and principles

BPP actively encourages discussion in lectures and online sessions. Students are encouraged to think for themselves and express their own ideas and viewpoints. They are also encouraged to respect others so whilst lively debate is encouraged disrespecting the opinions of others is not.

Students and staff are actively encouraged to act independently and freely again whilst respecting others. BPP inspires all to have inspiring futures and provides high quality careers advice and support. There is a strong focus on health and wellbeing as well as safeguarding with lots of information available. The Prevent Theme is strong with information readily available, and staff are trained in this area.

So, consider how individual liberty affects you and how you express your views.

Article/Source

Below is a video which explains more about Individual Liberty:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RHsasm3VSg>

For more information on British Values, you can check out this great YouTube video released by the Education and Training Foundation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9cqHsiE0vM>

Support

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