



## PREVENT DUTY – INTRODUCTION

Under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, The University (and through it the College) has a statutory duty to have 'due regard to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. This is known as the Prevent Duty.

Robinson College is strongly committed to the principle of freedom of speech and expression. It fosters an environment where all of its members can participate fully in the life of the College, and where each member feels confident and able to research, question and test received wisdom, and to express new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions, without fear of isolation, marginalisation or discrimination. Equally, the College expects its members to receive and respond to intellectual and ideological challenges in a constructive and peaceable way. The College also acknowledges its statutory duties in protecting its members and other people from "radicalisation", which in this context means being drawn in by others to support terrorism, or to commit acts of terrorism.

The College has detailed policies for the management of internal and external events held in College, which include procedures for booking, and risk assessment of such events. The following activities shall not be permitted in Robinson College.

- Speeches or activities directly or indirectly promoting violence or which may promote or advance the radicalisation of College members (in this context 'radicalisation' refers to the act of inciting others to support terrorism or commit acts of terrorism).
- The presence of any speakers, visitors, or guests whose influence or activity, in the view of the College, carries a reasonable likelihood of risk to the health or safety of any University member(s) and/or any member(s) or of the general public.
- Activities of any kind which disregard the safety of participants and/or onlookers.

Additional to these processes, both on the college website and in the Junior Members Handbook, students are made aware of a Code of Conduct they are expected to follow and a Code of Practice Governing Meetings held on College Premises.

Key staff members undertake Prevent Training to increase their awareness of the risks of radicalisation and the signs that may be observed, such as changes that they may see in a student's behaviour. Equally students may become aware of changes in their fellow students that they find unusual or perhaps worrying. These may not be of any importance but nevertheless, it is worth mentioning your observations to the Domestic Bursar, the Senior Tutor and/or the Tutorial Office. If you are in any doubt, about whether what you have seen is relevant, please report it and let others make the decision.