



# Faiths engage

New Monthly Newsletter—Issue 2—October 2019

## WELCOME

to our new monthly *Faiths engage* which this month focuses on our

**Corporate Work and Prevent Programme**



**POLICE EXPO!**



On Monday 9th September 2019—'999 Day' - a new, exciting and pioneering scheme designed to boost interest in Police recruitment from BAME communities took place at Leicester College. 'Police Expo' saw Leicester College transforming part of its Abbey Park Campus into a Police precinct for the day to show students what it takes to be a cop by taking part in a series of fun and interactive exercises. The exhibition aims to break down barriers, particularly for those who may not have considered a career with the police before.

Police Expo is part of an international project titled 'Cops Communities Consent' led by St Philip's Centre in partnership with Leicestershire Police and supported by the Open Society Foundations. The event coincided with '999 Day' – Emergency Services Day.

Police Expo aims to foster greater understanding and involvement between different cultures both at home and abroad. The partnership includes sharing lessons with colleagues in The Netherlands and Belgium.

The interactive exhibition was officially opened by Police and Crime Commissioner Lord Willy Bach with Deputy Chief Constable Rob Nixon. The event also welcomed Nick Glynn from The Open Society Foundations.





# PREVENT PROGRAMME



Prevent Coordinator Sean Arbuthnot has recently returned from a brief trip to Singapore where he spoke at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) workshop on “Countering Extremism: The Next Lap.” The conference featured a diverse and distinguished group of speakers as it focused on upstream counter extremism measures.

Sean spoke about the UK’s Prevent strategy and the unique model of delivery based at St. Philips. He was joined on a panel by Chief Inspector Bill Knopp from the Leicestershire Police Prevent Team, and Manwar Ali, an intervention provider who has mentored many vulnerable, local Prevent referrals.

Among the many highlights of the trip was the opportunity to hear about the local response to the Christchurch terrorist attack from Anthony Green of Al Noor Mosque and Claire Phillips from Christchurch City Council. Sean was privileged to personally express condolences to them on behalf of everyone at St. Philips and they were very moved and grateful to hear about the hundreds of people who braved the rain to attend a vigil outside Masjid Umar following the tragedy.



Our augmented reality project, Real Talk, has continued to deliver interactive sessions to young people from all over the city, raising awareness of far right extremism and challenging stereotypes about Muslim communities.

Our partner organisation Streetvibe recently accompanied Prevent Coordinator Sean Arbuthnot to demonstrate the workshop to senior officials from the Home Office where it was very well received.

In September a Real Talk workshop was held at Leicester City FC’s training ground where the youth team swapped the

football pitch for the classroom as they tackled issues such as far-right extremism, Islamist extremism, fake news and stereotyping. They engaged with the subject matter really well and were a credit to the club.



One of this year's Prevent projects is "Game On," a workshop delivered by Reveal Theatre that uses theatre technique, presentations and discussion based workshops that enable young people to understand extremist views and unpick harmful narratives.

In September "Game On" was delivered to nearly 100 students over five days at Darul Uloom Boys School in Leicester. The young people were very respectful and engaged well with the workshops which gave them an understanding of sensitive, complex issues such as the historical context of racism, cohesion, religion and the ideologies of extremist organisations.



St. Philips is delighted to welcome our new Prevent Delivery Manager, Sadaf Akhtar, to the centre. Sadaf will support the Prevent Coordinator in managing our local projects and engaging with local communities in order to deliver our Prevent agenda.

## **C.A.R.E. (Silver) Course** *(Confidently Addressing Radicalisation & Extremism)*

**One-day Certified (Level 2) Course**  
**£150 per person**

### **Course Dates:**

***Thursday 2nd April 2020; T***  
***hursday 10th September 2020***  
***Thursday 8th October 2020;***  
***Thursday 3rd December 2020***

Course revised and updated to include the latest trends and issues and the most up-to-date government guidance and includes input from seven experts in the field.

The course includes:

- ◆ The messages and methods of recruitment associated with forms of radicalisation and extremism
- ◆ How to meet the Prevent duty effectively
- ◆ The role of front-line staff, when intervention is appropriate and what form it will take.
- ◆ Networking opportunities

This course is suitable for health, social care, local authority, probation, schools & colleges, prisons, police, youth and community workforces.

***To book, download a booking form from our website:***

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At the end of June 2019, we were delighted to welcome three Rotterdam Police colleagues to Leicester as part of our 'Cops Communities Consent' (CCC) project. This was a mutually beneficial meeting with lessons shared between Leicester and Rotterdam in relation to community engagement and recruitment.

As part of the visit, Rotterdam Police heard more about the CCC project and some of the wider challenges of local policing. Lord Willy Bach – Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire & Rutland and Simon Cole – Chief Constable presented to the delegation. In October 2019, colleagues from Leicester will visit Rotterdam for a reciprocal visit with view to planning joint activities in the coming year.

Riaz Ravat, project lead for CCC at St Philip's Centre said, "The international dimension of this project is vital. It was useful to have jointly looked at ways in which the respective Police forces work with their communities and to think creatively about how this can be improved. Our 'Police Expo' was cited as a superb example of how innovative methods can make an impact".



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