



the **skills** network



# WELCOME TO THE SKILLS NETWORK

Hello and welcome to The Skills Network. We are delighted that you have decided to learn with us and we are excited to be a part of your learning and development, whatever your goal! This presentation will take you through everything you need to know to be a successful learner with The Skills Network. Below is a sample of quotes from learners who have taken courses with us.

**Angela McNeal**

## **Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems**

*"I fell behind with my coursework as I wasn't sure I was doing it for the right reasons, but the support I received was amazing. The learning materials were made simple and easy to understand, and the feedback I received was fantastic. My experience has been amazing!"*

**Amanda Varley**

## **Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems**

*"I am impressed with the high quality resources, communication and detailed, well-informed feedback from assessors who are clearly very knowledgeable and experienced in the relevant topic. It is easy to do because of regular submission points throughout the course."*

**Cheryl Newton**

## **Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Nutrition and Health**

*"Flexible study you can fit around a busy life. Gaining new knowledge which you can apply in the future. I had a great experience and the staff were really helpful when I fell behind with my course due to moving."*

## ABOUT US

- One of the UK's most successful providers of distance learning and technology enabled training solutions
- **Over 700 employees across the UK**, with 220 based full-time in Selby, Yorkshire and Central London
- Deliver training and development products and services to over **5,000** organisations, delivering **43,000** level 2 and level 3 qualifications per annum across the UK
- EQUAL – our award-winning **Learner Management Systems (LMS) – utilized by 550,000 learners to date**
- Recently awarded the Investors in People Standard and accredited the Matrix Quality Standard for Information, Advice and Guidance services
- Graded '**Good**' by **OFSTED** in April 2018.



# PROVEN TRACK RECORD ACROSS VARIOUS SECTORS, INCLUDING:



**EMERGENCY SERVICES**



**FOOD MANUFACTURING**



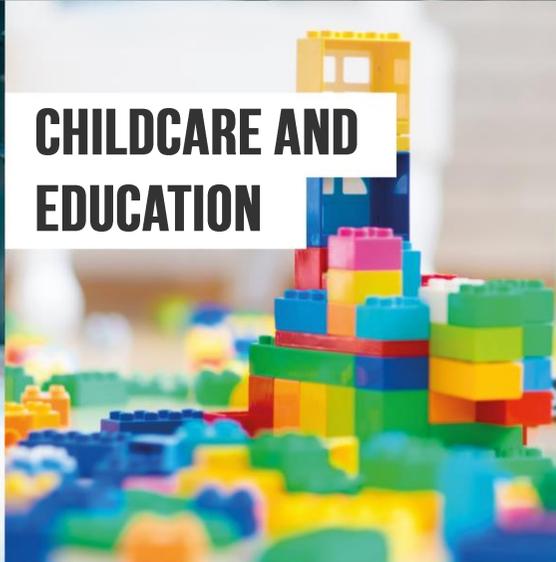
**EVENT MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY**



**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**



**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**



**CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION**



**LEISURE**



**HOSPITALITY**





# SAFEGUARDING AND PREVENT

Before you start learning it is important you know:

- **How to keep yourself safe both in work and in life.**
- **The Prevent Duty, including British Values, radicalisation and extremism.**
- **How to keep yourself safe online.**

At TSN, we have a committed and dedicated approach to the individual well-being and safety of our learners.

Therefore, please make sure you are up to date with our 'Safeguarding and Prevent' policy. You can find all information at

<https://www.theskillsnetwork.com/safeguarding>.

We will also include key videos and information documentation throughout your journey. Please make sure you fully engage as this is key learning.





# SAFEGUARDING, PREVENT AND BRITISH VALUES

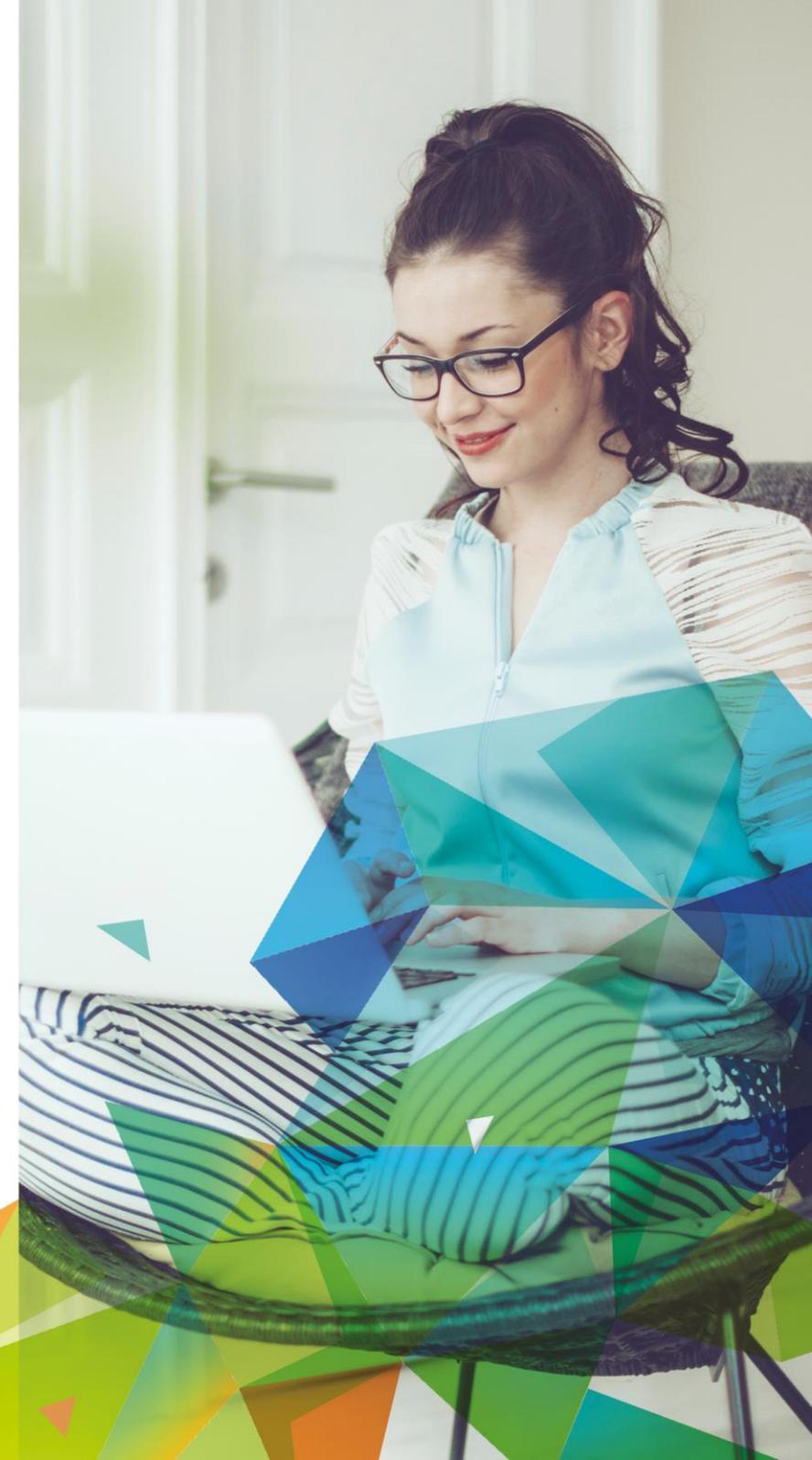
We place a huge emphasis on the **safety** and **well-being** of all our learners.

This is why we ensure that Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values remain at the core of your learning journey. Your understanding of these topics is crucial as you look to grow and develop as an employee and a member of your wider community.

## **Policies and Procedures**

The Skills Network's Safeguarding and Prevent policies and procedures will support you with your understanding and will contribute significantly to keeping you safe.

You can also take a look at The Skills Network's website:  
<https://www.theskillsnetwork.com/safeguarding>.





## ADDITIONAL ONLINE LEARNING

As a result of the importance of these topics, we have developed some additional online learning opportunities designed to give you a deeper understanding:

- **Safeguarding at TSN**
- **Prevent at TSN**
- **e-Safety at TSN**
- **British Values at TSN.**

These units have been uploaded to your EQUAL account for you to access at any time.

*NB: Please note that completion of these additional units is not mandatory and should not be placed before the completion of your main qualification.*

*This additional learning is designed not only to enhance your performance in the workplace, but also to support you as an individual living in the UK's modern society.*



# SUMMARY

The Skills Network is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and adults and preventing abuse. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Stuart Allen, Director of Curriculum and Quality.

If you have any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue, you should contact the DSL using the following details:

Email: [safeguarding@theskillsnetwork.com](mailto:safeguarding@theskillsnetwork.com)

Phone: 07912 270020

Further details of all the Funding Provider's policies and procedures can be accessed via their website.

## **What is Safeguarding?**

Safeguarding means to protect from harm or damage with appropriate measure.

We want our learners to enjoy a safe and productive working environment throughout their learner journey with The Skills Network.

Our fully trained Safeguarding Team are available to offer their advice and guidance to ensure that anyone who may be at risk is given the full and proper support required.

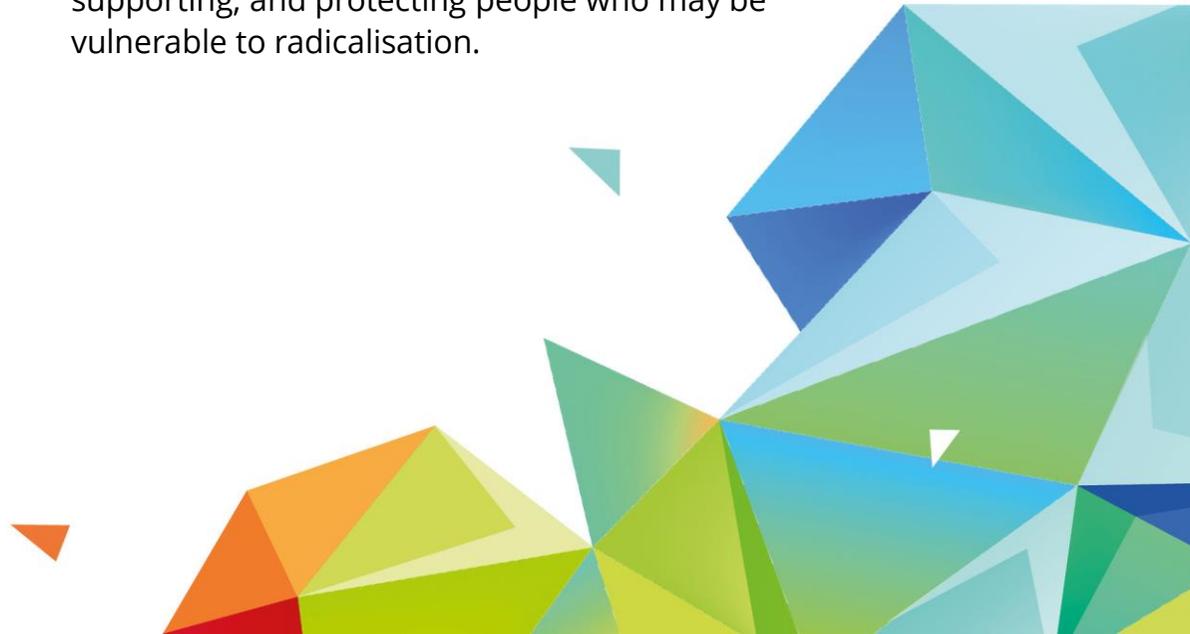
If you would like to find out more, please contact one of our Safeguarding Team or utilise the other documents housed on our website at [www.theskillsnetwork.com](http://www.theskillsnetwork.com).



## WHAT IS PREVENT?

**Preventing violent extremism** – Prevent is part of a government strategy to combat terrorism. The main aim of Prevent is to stop individuals from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and/or extremism.

Early intervention is at the heart of Prevent and its aim to divert people away from being drawn into terrorist or extremist activity. It is about recognising, supporting, and protecting people who may be vulnerable to radicalisation.

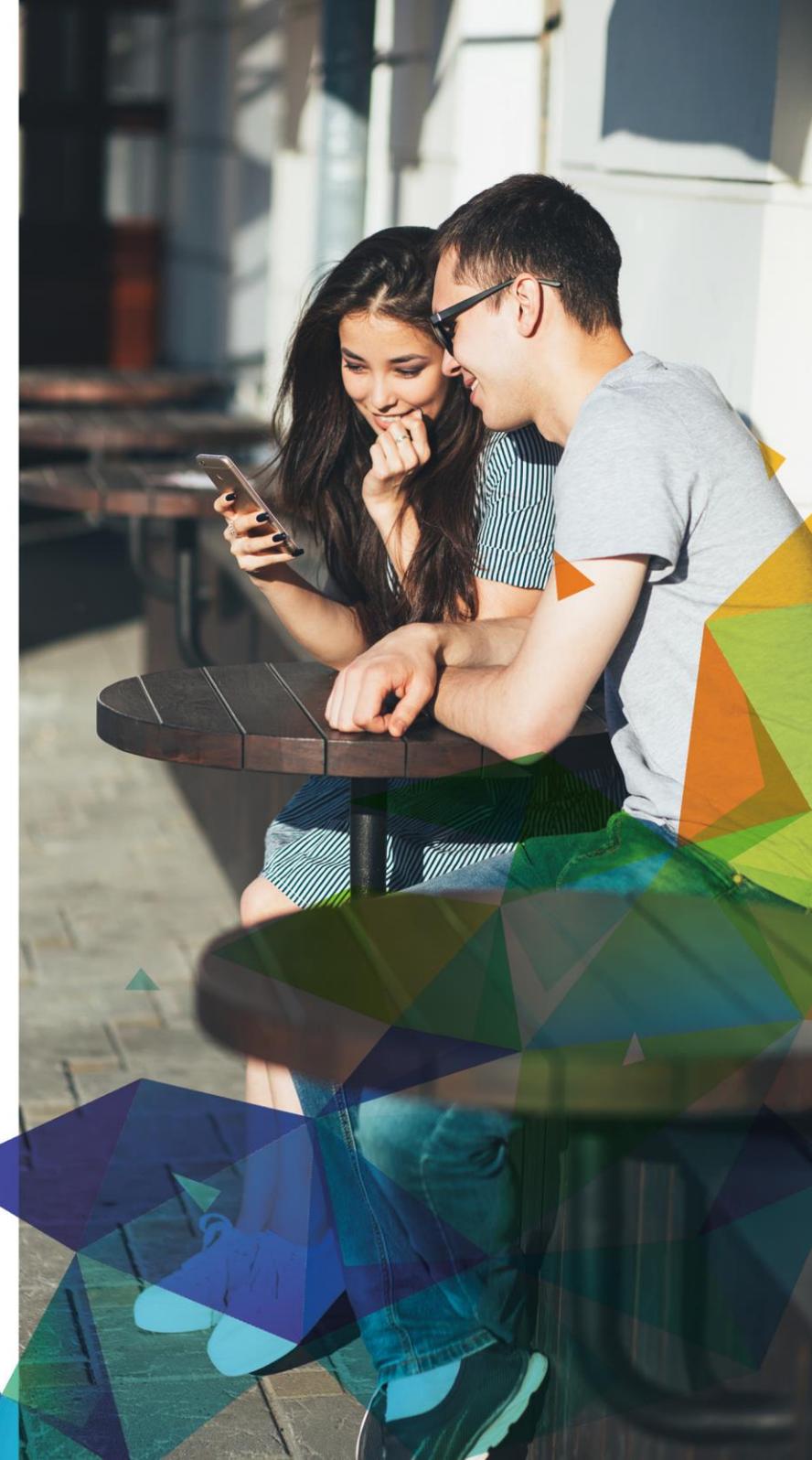


# WHAT IS RADICALISATION?

The Government defines radicalisation as:

*“the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.”*

(Source: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/445977/3799\\_Revised\\_Prevent\\_Duty\\_Guidance\\_\\_England\\_Wales\\_V2-Interactive.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445977/3799_Revised_Prevent_Duty_Guidance__England_Wales_V2-Interactive.pdf))





## WHAT IS EXTREMISM?

The UK government defines extremism as:

*“vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.”*

Extremism also calls for death of members of the armed forces.

(Source: <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/university-solicitors-office/docs/government-definitions-of-extremism-radicalisation-and-terrorism.pdf>)

# WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PREVENT?

It is now a **government requirement** that educational organisations meet their responsibilities regarding the safeguarding or vulnerable people by delivering training on Prevent to all employees. It is also a requirement that learners have an awareness of Prevent and who they should speak to if they have any concerns that they or an individual are being radicalised.

If you have any concerns, you should speak to the person in your organisation responsible for safeguarding, or alternatively, contact The Skills Network's Designated Safeguarding Lead on 07912 270020 or by emailing [safeguarding@theskillsnetwork.com](mailto:safeguarding@theskillsnetwork.com).

## Where can I find further information?

Further information on Prevent can be found at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) – Search for 'Prevent'. You can also call The Skills Network team on 01757 210022 for more information.





## BRITISH VALUES

British Values are defined as **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance** of those with different faiths and beliefs.

We expect all learners to respect other people, with particular regard to the protected rights set out in The Equality Act 2010.

Source: The Prevent Strategy 2011  
([www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventstrategy-2011](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventstrategy-2011))



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