



Ycare
Youth Counselling Against Radicalisation Europe

Handout: Exploring Core Values and Attitudes

Worksheet: Statements for Consideration

- 'Radicalisation is not simply a religiously motivated phenomenon, it has social, political and environmental influences'
- 'To combat radicalisation, the first and most important step would be to change western foreign policy, which pursues military and political intervention in Muslim majority nations'
- 'The vast majority of people attracted to the ideology of terror, violence and murder suffer from deep social alienation and are psychologically disconnected from mainstream society'
- 'There is a need to increase religious literacy so that western populations and in particular media and policymakers have a better understanding of the different religious beliefs'
- 'All individuals who have been radicalised are irrational and should be killed or imprisoned rather than be rehabilitated'
- 'There are people who have suffered from a lack of safe space in which to express themselves. For these people, when such a safe space does not exist, they resort to violence as a means of expression and can be easily manipulated'
- 'Anti-radicalisation is the whole community's responsibility to deal with, not just certain (religious) groups/cultures within the community'
- 'Terrorism is 'man-made' and therefore can be ended by 'man'
- 'There is no one cause of Radicalisation, political instability, the absence of platforms for expression, and lack of employment opportunities, are among the factors that turn young people towards extremism'
- 'Being radical can lead to positive change, challenging mainstream thinking. There must be space for positively radical ideas to emerge, while condemning violent extremism'
- 'We combat radicalisation and extremism through conducting research, working with governments on policy-making' and by spreading positive messages'