

Project Orpheus and Prevent Update - October 2019

This email is for Project Orpheus Observer Partners, head teachers, senior leaders, DSLs, curriculum leads and professionals. If you wish individuals to be added to this distribution list please email john.webster@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

This bulletin will now reflect the on-going work of Project Orpheus alongside any local or national Prevent updates.

1. Project Orpheus - Initiation Completed

Both Charlie Pericleous and myself have successfully completed in the initiation stage of our European project. The 3 year funded project named *Orpheus* will work in partnership with other coastal cities and universities within France, Belgium and Netherlands on online and offline methods to build resilience within young people, online safety and an EU prevention model for violent extremism. Initial focus groups have taken place with young people at Highbury College and at Springfield Secondary school. The project is supported by local charities and schools, in addition to the Home Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who will distribute the findings when they become available

2. Portsmouth hosts delegates from EU

During July, we hosted 25 delegates from other coastal cities, universities and social service departments in France, Belgium and the Netherlands to formalise the approaches that would be undertaken throughout the project. In short, there are 3 main aims:

- Develop safe spaces for young people to discuss and express views on what concerns them
- Build resilience and critical thinking skills in young people both online and through offline space spaces
- Increase the confidence of practitioners in facilitating difficult conversations

We are always looking for practitioners and young people to work with, so if you think any of the Orpheus content may be useful for you, then please contact us. We already have several established links alongside some local providers who we will commission to deliver some of this work.

For more information on the project, please see either the SPP <https://www.saferportsmouth.org.uk/orpheus/> or PEP websites https://www.portsmoutheducationpartnership.co.uk/services/preparing-for-work-and-life/#sub_section_3916

3. Hate Crime Awareness Week 12-19 October

#NHCAW organised by the No To Hate Crime Campaign <https://nationalhcaw.uk/>

4. Teaching online safety in schools guidance

The Department for Education (DfE) has published guidance for schools in England outlining how they can ensure their pupils understand how to stay safe and behave online as part of forthcoming and existing curriculum requirements. (attached)

5. Online harm

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a summary of children's experiences of online harm and what they think should be done about it. Findings, based on two workshops with groups from primary and secondary schools, include: many children had reported instances of harmful content online but felt the system was confusing; several children said that reporting abusive behaviour can multiply abuse; and most senior school children want websites to say what they're doing to fix the problem of online harm. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2019/08/27/childrens-experiences-of-online-harm-and-what-they-want-to-do-about-it/>

6. Keeping children safe online

This NSPCC online training course, developed in association with CEOP (the child protection unit of the National Crime Agency), is for anyone who works with children and young people. The four hour course helps adults understand what children and young people do online, why they take risks and how to respond to these risks.

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/introductory/keeping-children-safe-online-online-course/?utm_source=KCSO_Promo&utm_medium=CASPAR_Newsletter&utm_campaign=201907_KCSO

7. Prevent Independent Reviewer chosen

Lord Carlile has been chosen as the Independent Reviewer of Prevent. The review will focus on the current delivery of the Prevent programme and make recommendations for the future and is expected to report to Parliament by August 2020. For full details of the announcement please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lord-carlile-to-lead-independent-review-of-prevent>

8. Prevent Concerns

Both Charlie and myself are still available to deal with Prevent concerns and offer support, advice and training as per our previous roles. However as a way of a reminder, **all Prevent referrals must be made via the MASH**, please see Portsmouth City Council's One Minute Guidance on Prevent/Channel <https://www.portsmouthscp.org.uk/one-minute-guides/>