The background features a dynamic, abstract composition of colorful splatters in shades of blue, purple, pink, and red against a white backdrop. A white silhouette of a hand is positioned on the left side, with its fingers pointing towards the right, as if reaching out or gesturing towards the text.

Preventing Violent Radicalisation in Maltese Schools. Learning from the UK's Prevent Duty experience.

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Definitions

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups. (Revised Prevent Duty Guidance for **England** and Wales, issued on 12th March 2015 and revised on 16th July 2015, definition)

Extremism is the 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 includes calls for death of members of the armed forces.

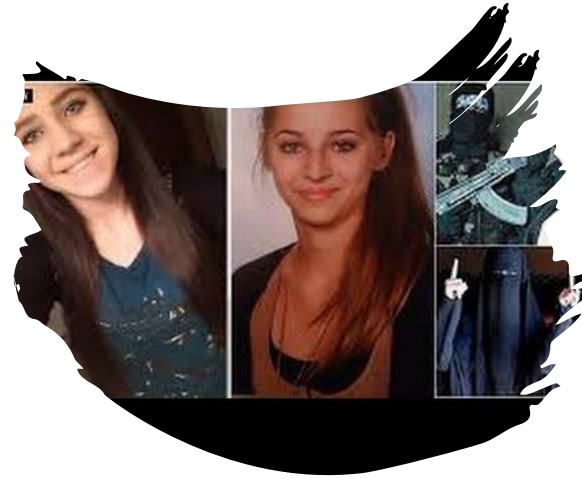
Rise of ISIS



Linda Wenzel 16 years old from Dresden, Germany was found in the ruined city of Mosul and has now been sentenced to 6 years in an Iraqi prison.



Jake Bilardi 18 years old from Melbourne joined ISIS.. Since then he's been killed.



Samra Kesnovic
Sabina Selimovic

ISIS poster girls-jihadi brides



The Bethnal Green Girls 15 years old who fled to Syria to become jihadi brides – Shamima Begum on the right.

Education has been placed at the heart of this fight



- To help fight radicalisation at source
- To deal with it as a safeguarding issue
- To raise awareness
- To build resilience
- To create safe spaces to have difficult discussions
- To teach young people think critically
- To teach young people identify real news from fake news



Prevent Policy

In 2003 the UK developed the Counter Terrorism Security Act – Prevent, Protect, Pursue, Prepare

The Prevent branch continued to develop– revised in 2007, 2011, 2015

Prevent Duty

Statutory obligation issued in 2015 on frontliners such as teachers and public healthworkers to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism.



Maltese Context

- Risk from terrorism in Malta is negligible.
- Rapid demographics changes
- Perceptions towards migration signal increased populist and racist views.
- Formation of Far Right political groups like “

Setting up of RAN Malta – Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security.

Negative Perceptions on Migration



Signatures: 4070



Populist/Far-Right Groups in Malta





What Maltese authorities need to watch out for:

Prevent Duty Pitfalls:

- Radicalisation is a conceptual storm
- Security vs. Safeguarding
- Limitation on freedom of speech
- Move away from a monolithic focus on Islam
- Increased focus on Skills, Expertise and Training for Educators