**Discussion: Unfamiliar topic (Level 2)**

What is radicalism, and does it pose a threat to the United Kingdom?

You have chosen to discuss the topic of radicalism as your unfamiliar topic to meet the criteria for one of the tasks in your Functional Skills English qualification. You will be required to investigate this topic forming your own opinion of radicalism, and the threat it poses to the United Kingdom. In order to prepare for your discussion you will plan to conduct your own research to enable you to lead the discussion to a group of 3-5 people for approximately 5-10 minutes. Your Area Trainer will explain and plan this activity with you in more detail.

**Definition of Radicalism**

The opinions and behaviour of people who favour extreme changes especially in government: radical political ideas and behaviour

Introduction: You should start by introducing the topic maybe sharing some facts, statistics or examples of incidents that have recently been reported in the news helping you to get the discussion started.

Research: You should plan your research and keep a note of any websites, news articles, you-tube footage etc. that you have used to help you form your own opinion.

Suggested Research Opportunities: You can get your research started by using some of the suggested materials below. However, this is your discussion so extend your research to help you gain a greater understanding of the topic.

**Website**

Radicalisation Awareness Network - <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation_awareness_network/index_en.htm>

Counter extremism - [www.counterextremism.org](http://www.counterextremism.org)

Government Prevent Strategy - [www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrism/supporting-pages/prevent](http://www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrism/supporting-pages/prevent)

The Guardian On-line - <http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2011/feb/05/david-cameron-muslim-extremism>

Government UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tackling-extremism-in-the-uk-report-by-the-extremism-taskforce>

**News Papers** – look out for articles relating to radicalisation in all of the national newspaper

**Government papers** – Report from the Prime Ministers Task Force (click on Image) 