

EM Normandie UK Limited

Statement on Freedom of Speech

Location	Oxford Campus, C/o Activate Learning, Jericho Building, Oxford OX1 1SA		
Monitoring	The Principal, all Faculty staff and contracted lecturers – all members of staff		
Overall responsibility	Board of Directors		
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Context

This Statement takes into account the specific legal responsibilities, as set out in Section 43 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986, the Equality Act 2010 and the Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015.

This Statement outlines the principles of free speech which apply to all members of staff of EM Normandie UK Ltd, all lecturers engaged on service contracts, all students connected to EM Normandie UK Ltd, as well as visiting speakers and other visitors.

- EM Normandie UK Ltd is committed to the principle of freedom of speech within the law.
 Lecturers, other members of staff, students, guest speakers and other visitors have the right
 to freedom of speech and must be allowed to express their points of view without fear of
 intimidation but within the law. We expect all to exercise this right in a balanced manner,
 with respect and tolerance for other viewpoints and sensibilities, and an awareness for the
 need to maintain harmonious working relationships within the campus community.
- No form of bullying, harassment or sexual harassment, intimidation, unlawful discrimination, incitement to violence and racial or religious hatred, or encouragement to offer ideological or practical support for terrorism, or to commit acts of terrorism, can be construed to be in line with the principles of free speech.
- 3. Where views expressed by speakers are known beforehand to are controversial, we reserve the right to invite others with opposing points of view to speak, in order to ensure that there is balance between a range of viewpoints.
- 4. EM Normandie UK Ltd endeavours to create an environment where all of its lecturers, other members of staff and students can participate fully, and where each feels confident and able to research, question and test received wisdom, and to express new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions, without fear of isolation, marginalisation or discrimination.



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- 5. Equally, EM Normandie UK Ltd expects its lecturers, other members of staff and students to receive and respond to, intellectual and ideological challenges in a constructive way.
- 6. In holding to these key principles, EM Normandie will take appropriate action to support members of the EM Normandie UK community whose freedom of speech is threatened.
- 7. EM Normandie UK Ltd reserves the right to refuse access to its premises or cancel an event if it has reasons to believe that a person intends, or that a meeting/lecture or any other form of gathering by whom it may be, is intended to
 - encourage unlawful discrimination against others on the grounds of religious belief, race, gender or sexual orientation or other legally protected characteristics
 - commit a breach of the peace
 - engage in or promote criminal activity or violence or against others
 - promote radicalisation or acts of terrorism.

Annex 1 - Control table

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