

Guidelines for Guest Speakers

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Guest speakers are required to agree to the following terms and conditions:

- Talks/presentations must not incite hatred, violence, or call for the breaking of the law
- Guest speakers are not permitted to encourage, glorify or promote any acts of terrorism, including individuals, groups or organisations that support such acts
- Guest speaker must not spread hatred and intolerance of any minority group/s in the community
- Guest speakers must seek to avoid insulting other faiths or groups
- Guest speakers are not permitted to raise or gather funds for any external organisation of cause without express permission of the College Principalship
- In the unlikely event the event does not meet the requirements of this agreement College staff have the right to stop a presentation
- Guest speakers must provide the College representative with any presentation material etc in advance
- All visitors to the College must sign in on arrival and are required to read and agree to Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity and Safeguarding Guidelines for Contractors & Visitors

Your participation as a College guest speaker will be considered as confirmation you have read and understood these guidelines and will comply fully with their requirements.

Guest Speaker Procedures

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As well as helping develop their understanding of the working world they can also contribute to a greater understanding of wider social issues that can inspire and motivate our students as well as encourage positive wellbeing.

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Harlow College greatly appreciates the contribution that guest speakers make and therefore also has a responsibility to ensure their experience is a positive one by providing an environment that is respectful, well prepared and conducive to a constructive learning experience.

The purpose of these procedures are to set out the College's responsibilities when using guest speakers and to outline the standards of behaviour expected from them. These procedures therefore draw reference from the Government's Prevent Duty guidance as well as our own safeguarding policy.

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The procedures for hosting a guest speaker are:

- All guest speakers must have a nominated point of contact at the College (usually the event organiser)
- The nominated organiser must complete the Guest Speaker Approval Form. This should be signed and retained by the AAM
- The Organiser must conduct research on the person/organisation to establish whether they have demonstrated extreme views/actions – a biographical internet search will usually be suitable. This should be recorded on the Guest Speaker Approval Form
- The organiser must send a copy of the Guidelines for Guest Speakers to the speaker in advance of the event
- The organiser must request presentation/material etc be sent to the organiser in advance
- Staff must refuse to allow people/organisations access to the College campus, students or staff (including virtually) if they have links to extreme groups or movements
- Justification of the College's decision will be provided to the person/organisation in writing
- Visitors must sign in upon arrival at College and complete all visitor H&S protocols
- Visitors must be accompanied by a College staff member and must never be left unsupervised with students at any time
- In the unlikely event the content does not meet the requirements of the Guidelines for guest speakers, College staff have the right and responsibility to stop a presentation
- Any concerns must be raised with the relevant AAM for escalation if necessary

Guest Speaker Approval Form

To be completed by the College staff member responsible for the event

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Staff Name:				Team:		
Number of Students Attending:		Age of Attendees: <i>(select all that apply)</i>			16-17 <input type="checkbox"/>	18+ <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Guest Speaker(s):				Organisation:		
Contact telephone Number:				Email:		
Is there any known or likely media interest in the proposed event?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please provide details:			
Are there any concerns as a result of background checks that require further investigation or action? Please provide any information.	Sources checked				Agreed	
	Website Checked					
	Printed Literature Checked					
	Resources to be Presented					
	Google Search Completed					
	Other Checks, Please State:					
How will speaker deliver the event?	Face to face on campus <input type="checkbox"/>		Face to face off campus <input type="checkbox"/>		Virtually (e.g. Zoom) <input type="checkbox"/>	
What subject will the Speaker be presenting?						
How will learners' benefit?						
Date of Event:			Location of Event:			
Start Time:			End Time:			

Consent Approval

Name of Applicant:			Date of Submission:		
Name of Manager Approval:			Consent Approval Signature:		

1. Complete all boxes and ensure that you have signed the form
2. Forward to your AAM for consent (if you are not in a curriculum team, forward to Director of Student Services to obtain consent)
3. When complete, this form must be retained by the AAM for record keeping