

Dear Robert and Julia,

We are writing to inform you about Home Office funding available to support the Prevent programme in 2015-16.

The terrorist threat is continually evolving and we need to ensure that we prioritise our resources to respond effectively. Recent events in Paris, following other attacks in Canada, Australia, Belgium and elsewhere, are a reminder, if one were needed, of the very real threat that we face. The UK threat level is at 'severe' which means that an attack is highly likely but there is no intelligence to suggest that an attack is imminent. We have also seen people being radicalised sufficiently to want to travel to Syria and Iraq. Our work on Prevent has never been more important.

The new Prevent duty included in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 forms part of our response. It requires a number of bodies to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The starting point will be an assessment of the risk in their area, body or institution and, where a risk has been identified, to develop an action plan to address it. The aim is to improve the standard of Prevent work across the country, and in the areas of highest threat we want to increase the number of agencies that participate, projects we fund and civil society and community groups we work with. As part of this, we would like to fund your organisation to deliver more projects in priority areas.

We have funded over 180 community-based Prevent projects since 2011 in 30 local authority priority areas where we fund a dedicated Prevent co-coordinator alongside projects to work with communities and partners, and in a further 14 supported areas, where we support projects only. Ahead of the financial year 2015/16, we have been reviewing local projects we have funded since the beginning of our programme in 2011 and have developed an understanding of what we assess to work well in reducing local vulnerabilities. As such we have identified projects which we believe serve as best practice, including **GAME ON**. We hope that you will welcome this development which may result in proposals for further work.

We will shortly be asking Prevent Co-ordinators to identify priorities for the year ahead with a view to identifying which projects they would like to deliver in their area. We are of course aware that you will likely have existing commitments and contracts that you need to fulfil and would therefore wish our priority areas and ourselves to have open conversations with you about how far you may be able to sensibly deliver. In order to initiate these conversations we will share your contact

details with interested areas, on an area-by-area basis, which we hope you will welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

OSCT Local Delivery Team