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At The Skills Network, we have a duty to enhance your understanding of your place within our diverse society. This update should help you to understand what British Values are, and how they will appear throughout your learner journey.

British Values are made up of the following features, which together are designed to promote an equal and just society. These values are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs, and will be described in greater detail below.

Democracy

This is an understanding of how all citizens have a role in influencing the democratic process. Democracy also means being willing to listen to views that are different from your own, and being free to express your own opinions.

Rule of law

This means appreciating that laws exist as an essential way of protecting the safety, freedom and rights of individuals. As laws protect everyone, each person has a responsibility to follow the rule of law.

Individual liberty

This is an understanding that the freedom to choose and hold faiths and beliefs is protected in law.

Mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths

This means accepting different faiths or beliefs (or no faith or belief), and not acting in a prejudicial or discriminatory way against someone because of their beliefs.

How do we promote these values?

- We invite feedback from learners, Tutors and staff with surveys, representatives and 'steering group' meetings.
- We work with learners with learning difficulties, providing alternative materials and one-to-one Tutor guidance to ensure that they can complete the course to the best of their ability.
- We provide text-to-speech resources for learners with visual impairments to help ensure equality of learning opportunity.
- We provide regular updates to learners and staff about new developments in relation to British Values.

Social equality has been an aim of the British government for many years, although this has not yet been fully achieved. Through pressure from politicians, the media, and other organisations that support equality and diversity, legislation has been created that aims to promote equality and make harmful discrimination punishable by law. The Equality Act 2010 is one Act that underpins British

Values by promoting the rule of law, which protects individuals and their freedom.

Within our course materials, we have highlighted the importance of respecting the wishes of individuals at risk of harm and protecting them from discrimination. Tolerance, respect and dignity are values that are important to us.

These updates are short emails informing you about current affairs or developments in your area of study. They may help to broaden your knowledge in the area and ensure that you stay up to date with the most recent developments. Within these updates, we will also draw your attention to areas that relate to British Values.

If you have any questions about this, or about any aspect of British Values, please feel free to contact us at enquiries@theskillsnetwork.com or on **01757 210022**.

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