



Promoting British Values

Sefton Community Learning Service promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Actively promoting the values means challenging opinions or behaviours that are contrary to fundamental British values.

Through our provision of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) values at Sefton Community Learning Service we:

- Enable learners to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence
- Enable learners to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England
- Encourage learners to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the local community and to society more widely
- Enable learners to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England
- Promote tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling learners to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures
- Encourage respect for other people
- Encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England

As a result of promoting fundamental British values, Sefton Community Learning Service expect our learners to gain the following understanding and knowledge :

- An understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- An appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety
- An understanding that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary, and that while some public bodies such as the police and the army can be held to account through Parliament, others such as the courts maintain independence
- An understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law
- An acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour
- An understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination