



LGA Conference 2018

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Commission for Countering Extremism

The story so far

- **Announced by the PM** after 2017 terrorist attacks
- **Launched as an independent body** in March 2018
- **Three objectives:**
 - Engage widely, building a network of counter extremists
 - Publish a comprehensive study into of all forms extremism, and a future work plan for the CCE
 - Build a robust commission, making recommendations on the long term structure
- **This is an important moment. We are about to launch our evidence drive.**



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Engagement

- We have already met with more than **200 activists and experts**.
- Key questions for the study:
 - **Deep concern in communities** about extremism but it is complex, changing. We need to understand the scale and harms, and the tactics of extremists
 - **Inspiring and brave counter extremists, many in councils**. But how can we help them do more?
 - **The debate on extremism is polarised and lacks consistency**. How can we have a constructive debate?



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Evidence gathering

In the coming months, the CCE will:

- Work with experts to **assess academic evidence** and pinpoint the gaps.
- Work with stakeholders to **prioritise work to address the gaps**.
- Commission **bespoke pieces of research** on critical issues.
- **Consult the public**, including asking them to submit evidence and visiting communities affected by extremism.
- **Request evidence** from Government, the police, regulators and councils

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