

EXTERNAL SPEAKER CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct exists to ensure that all speakers taking part in a Courtauld hosted or run event or activity, at Somerset House or elsewhere, act in accordance with the Courtauld's External Speaker Policy. It is the responsibility of the event or activity organiser (the individual from within the Courtauld e.g. member of staff or student, named in the External Speaker submission) to ensure that:

- this Code of Conduct is communicated to all external speakers (once approved and confirmed via the External Speaker Booking Process)
- that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that the requirements within it are upheld during the running of the event or activity.

Freedom of speech

Freedom of speech is fundamental to a Higher Education Institution. The Education Act (No 2) 1986 requires Higher Education Institutions to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that freedom of speech within the law is secured for its employees, students and visiting speakers. The Governing Board of the

- Criminal Law – hate crimes, harassment, breach of the peace and terrorism all come under criminal law. There is also legislation around public meetings, public processions/assemblies and public order which may be of relevance.
- Public law – Freedom of Speech and some duties under the Equality Act are captured under public law.

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The Courtauld expects external speakers to act in accordance with the law and not to breach the lawful rights of others. Set out below are some examples of Courtauld's expectations. Please note that this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of unacceptable conduct by external speakers. The Courtauld reserves the right not to permit an external speaker to speak at or attend an event, to refuse to permit

