

Unmasking the Myths: Tackling Toxic Masculinity in Schools

Wednesday

11 March 2026 (1pm-4pm)

Online National Conference

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CONFERENCE AIMS

In an era of growing concern over toxic masculinity, online radicalisation, and extremist ideologies, schools play a crucial role in promoting healthy gender relationships, emotional resilience, and critical thinking among students. This online conference aims to supply school leaders and teachers with the knowledge and practical tools to challenge harmful narratives and create safe, inclusive learning environments.

This conference will focus on understanding the roots and impact of toxic masculinity and how it intersects with online communities such as the manosphere and incel culture. Participants will learn how to recognise, address, and prevent extremism, while also fostering positive masculinity, emotional well-being, and resilience in boys and young men.

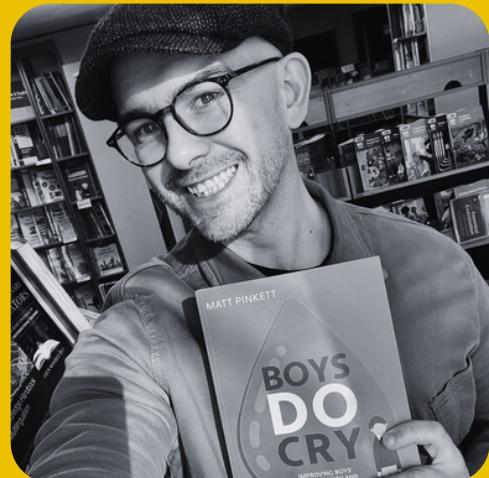
BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Gain practical strategies for addressing toxic masculinity and harmful online communities in schools
- Understand how to navigate the complexities of the manosphere, incel culture, and online radicalisation
- Learn how to create and maintain inclusive environments that prevent extremism and promote healthy gender relationships
- Access up-to-date information on the most recent educational policies and guidance on safeguarding and extremism

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Senior leaders, headteachers, and deputy headteachers
- Designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) and staff responsible for pastoral care
- Teachers, especially those working in PSHE, citizenship, and pastoral care
- Educational psychologists and mental health support staff
- Those involved in safeguarding, inclusion, and diversity initiatives

SPEAKER



Matt Pinkett

Author, Speaker and Experienced Teacher

Matt Pinkett is an experienced teacher, author, and speaker specialising in gender, behaviour, and wellbeing in schools. He has written extensively on issues surrounding masculinity, misogyny, and the pressures facing boys, and works with schools across the UK to promote respectful, inclusive environments for all students. Matt's work combines research, classroom experience, and practical strategies to help staff and students understand and challenge harmful gender norms.

PROGRAMME

1.05pm	Welcome & Introduction <i>Steve Smith - Director of Professional Development, Keynote Educational</i>
1.10pm	Understanding Toxic Masculinity and the Manosphere <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The roots and impact of toxic masculinity on boys and young men• How the manosphere, incel culture, and online spaces shape attitudes and behaviours• The consequences for wellbeing, relationships, and school culture
1.50pm	Safeguarding Against Harmful Masculinity in Schools: Policies and Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The latest guidance on tackling harmful gender norms and online influences in schools• Recognising signs of vulnerability in boys and young men and how to respond effectively• Developing whole-school approaches that promote respect, equality, and inclusion
2.30pm	Break
2.40pm	Supporting Boys and Young Men: Fostering Positive Masculinity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building emotional intelligence and resilience in boys and young men• Designing interventions that encourage healthy expressions of masculinity and emotional expression• Implementing positive masculinity programmes
3.20pm	Engaging with Parents and the Community: Addressing Toxic Masculinity Beyond School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiating difficult conversations with parents about toxic masculinity, extremism, and online influence• Creating school-community partnerships to combat harmful ideologies and promote well-being• Resources and tools for raising awareness within the wider school community
4.00pm	Conference Ends

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