

RAN Collection practice template

<p>Name of the practice</p> <p>Please note that by practice we mean an activity/method/tool that has been used or is in use by professionals and/or community members.</p>	<p>The Unity Initiative</p>
<p>Description (max. 300 words)</p> <p>Short description of the aim and working method of the practice. Please note that in this description, it must be clear that <u>there is an explicit connection to preventing and/or countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism</u>. This means that in the aims and/or the activities/methods/tools of the practice, there is a link to preventing and countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism. Practices without this link cannot be included in the RAN Collection.</p>	<p>The Unity Initiative (TUI) is a specialist Interventions Consultancy with the primary aim of dismantling reactionary absolutism, tackling violent extremism and promoting pluralism through the use of a pioneering, legitimate and unique methodology which combines sanctioned counter-narratives, behavioural and linguistic sciences as well as providing supportive mechanisms to vulnerable individuals and communities.</p> <p>TUI has 3 main domains of work: one-to-one male and female Terrorist Act (TACT) offender rehabilitation; delivering front-line staff training programmes for Prison, Probation and Police staff; and community interventions tackling the politicised absolutist mindset.</p> <p>TUI's reputation has grown considerably within the counterterrorism network for two main reasons. Firstly, for taking on the most challenging and high-profile TACT cases and successfully rehabilitating them (see media links below), and secondly because TACT offenders and ISIS returnees are contacting TUI directly for ideological rehabilitation. This has been due to TUI's public transformation of high profile cases resulting in urban street credibility, the successful creation of counter-culture in UK prisons and the unrivalled legitimacy of the approach due to strong partnerships and consistent support from world renowned Ideological Scholars.</p>

	<p>The methodology is bespoke for each case and due to the direct, critical and continuing nature of the grass root experience that TUI is involved in, the strategies, educational programmes and intellectual technology employed remains cutting-edge, practical and relevant. This insight allows TUI to be a valid critic of the current Counter-Terrorism strategies that are in place and has most recently been invited to deliver the Key Note speech at the Terrorism Conference at West Point Military Academy Summer 2015.</p>
<p>Peer reviewed</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Key themes</p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Rehabilitation</p> <p>Training</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Prison / Probation</p> <p>Youth / Pupils / Students</p> <p>Add additional target audience.</p>
<p>Geographical scope</p> <p>Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).</p>	<p>United Kingdom: London, Bradford, Luton, Wales</p> <p>Europe</p> <p>US</p> <p>Asia and Middle East</p>
<p>Start of the practice</p> <p>Please indicate when (year) the practice was developed and implemented to indicate the maturity of the practice. In case the practice is no longer active, please indicate when it ended.</p>	<p>Starting year: 2010</p>
<p>Deliverables</p> <p>Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.</p>	<p>TUI has 3 main domains of work: one-to-one male and female Terrorist Act (TACT) offender rehabilitation; delivering front-line staff training programmes for Prison, Probation and Police staff; and community interventions tackling the politicised absolutist mindset.</p> <p>TUI has delivered training in the following areas:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk Assessment and minimising strategies 2. Vulnerability Assessment training 3. Islam Misconceptions 4. Role of Gender in Extremism 5. Ideological training for Imams/schools/community leaders 6. Muslim Mothers
<p>Evidence and evaluation</p> <p>Short description on <u>performance measures</u> of the practice, including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>qualitative views and quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention. 2. <u>evaluation and feedback</u>, including surveys and/or anecdotal evidence e.g. have you done either an internal or external evaluation, have you encouraged any feedback from your target group? 3. <u>peer review</u> which feedback did the practice receive in the RAN working group and/or study visit where the practice was discussed. <p>Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.</p>	<p>TUI has a board of Advisors consisting of Leading World Islamic Scholars.</p> <p>Any intervention Consultant that is employed, undergoes a rigorous certification process in Islamic Behavioural Therapy which TUI has developed through the successful deradicalisation of high profile TACT Cases. The intellectual technology is checked and updated in monthly meetings to ensure real-time cutting edge training programs are delivered.</p> <p>“Most effective Intervention Provider” Independent Research by Dr Douglas Weekes Trainers for London Probation Services and Thames Valley Probation Services. Delivered Key Note Speech at West Point Military Academy Counter-terrorism Conference Summer 2015. Coverage of the unparalleled success in de-radicalisation is covered in the following links below: 2015 Key-note Presentation at West Point, US Military Academy and interview with CTC https://www.ctc.usma.edu/posts/an-interview-with-usman-raja</p> <p>2015 Successful rehabilitation of Jordan Horner (associate of Lee Rigby murderers) http://news.sky.com/story/1578644/ex-muslim-patrol-membersorry-for-sharia-videos</p> <p>http://news.sky.com/story/1578648/q-and-a-muslim-patrolextremist-on-his-new-life</p>

	<p>Other examples of successful TACT rehabilitation with BBC radio and CNN:</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23131706</p> <p>http://edition.cnn.com/2012/07/20/world/europe/uk-cagingterror-main</p>
<p>Sustainability and transferability (maximum of 200 words)</p> <p>Short description on the sustainability and transferability of the practice, including e.g. information on the costs of the practice. <u>Please elaborate on which elements are transferrable and how.</u></p>	<p>TUI's work should be sustainable as we have partnerships in place with the Home office, Probation and Prison Services. We run numerous workshops for the community and Law enforcement staff which have had a notable and recognised difference. We are also supported by media. We are also opening a policy informing research arm to use the empirical data we are collecting.</p> <p>We are confident we can apply our knowledge to other geographical contexts due to the adaptable nature of the intellectual technology we employ, the wide ranging experience and ethnicities of our members and the international recognition of the Islamic Scholars that support our work.</p>
<p>Presented and discussed in RAN meeting</p> <p>Please note that to be included in the Collection, the practice is preferably nominated through one of the RAN meetings. Add name of the RAN Working Group/event, date, place and subject of meeting.</p>	<p>Name: Cities Conference</p> <p>Date: November 2015</p> <p>Place: Enter place of the meeting.</p> <p>Subject:</p> <p>Name: Role of Gender in ISIS Foreign Fighters. Date: 30 January 2014. Place: The Hague. Subject: Enter subject of meeting.</p> <p>Name: RAN P&P. Date: 11-12 December 2013. Place: Berlin. Subject: Women, girls and gender perspectives in extremism.</p>
<p>Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding (maximum of 100 words)</p>	<p>Peace Network, Belgium</p> <p>Tabah Foundation, Abu Dhabi</p>

<p>Please indicate how your project was funded, if your practice is linked to other EU initiatives or projects, AND explicitly note if it is (co-) funded by the EU, and if so, by which funds? Such as Erasmus +, Internal Security Funds (ISF), European Social Fund (ESF), Horizon 2020, etc.</p>	
<p>Organisation (enter maximum of 100 words and select organisation type)</p> <p>Please briefly describe the organisation behind the practice including the legal status e.g. NGO, governmental, limited company, charity etc.</p>	<p>The Unity Initiative works closely with London Probation Services, Prison Services and Home Office (OSCT).</p> <p>Type of Organisation: Other</p>
<p>Country of origin</p> <p>Country in which the practice is based.</p>	<p>EU or EEA country: Choose from list of EU and EEA countries.</p> <p>or:</p> <p>Non-EU country: United Kingdom</p>
<p>Contact details</p> <p>Please provide contact details of who can be contacted within the organisation, with name and email address.</p>	<p>Address: The Unity Initiative C/o Wiseman Solicitors The Lansdowne Building 2 Lansdowne Road Croydon Surrey CR9 2ER United Kingdom Contact person: Dr Angela Misra Email: Angela.misra@unityinitiative.co.uk Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text. Website: www.unityinitiative.co.uk</p>
<p>Last update text (year)</p>	<p>2016 and before</p>