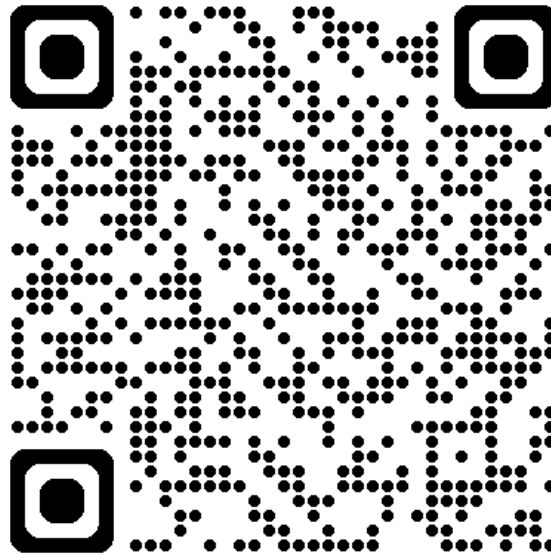


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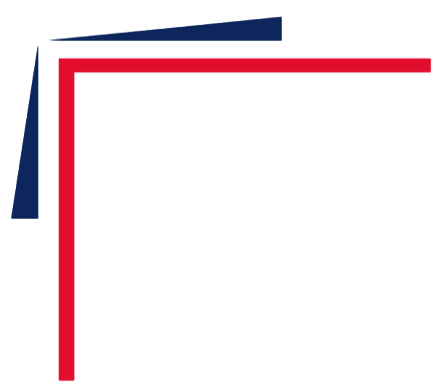
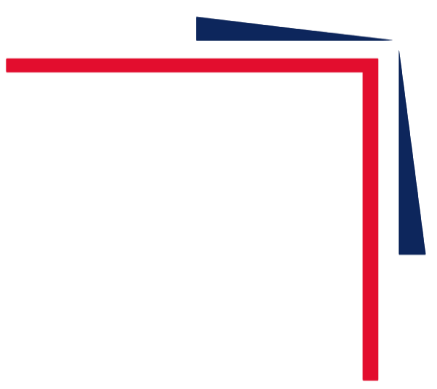
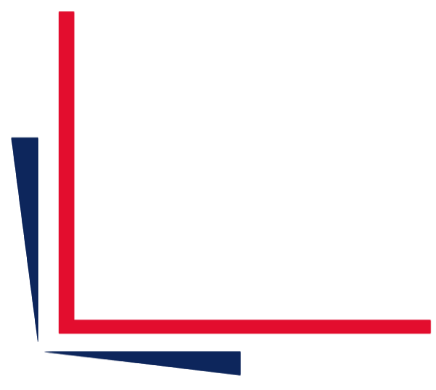


Orientation Session 2: Culture, Communication and Everyday Behaviour

Delivered by Learn About Britain for Brent Council



Today we will learn about...

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- **British culture**
 - **Culturally acceptable and unacceptable behaviour**
 - **Formal and informal communication**
 - **Recognising discrimination and hate crime**
 - **Deciding if an emergency response is required**
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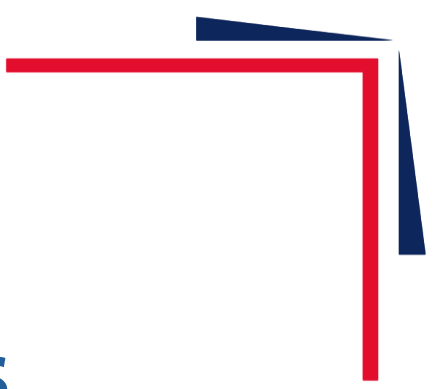
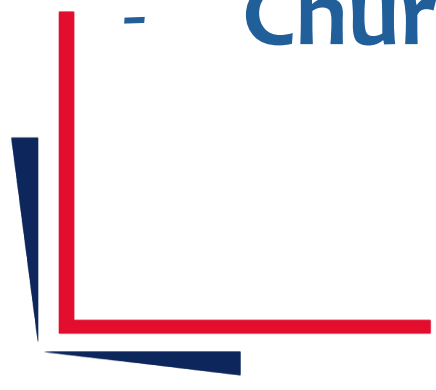


The culture of the United Kingdom



Religion and Values

- The United Kingdom has an established church: the Church of England, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. There is also a Church of Scotland.
- The Monarch is 'Supreme Governor of the Church of England' and 'Defender of the Faith'. This is a constitutional link between Church and State, but King Charles also protects all faiths.

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- We also have 26 Bishops in the House of Lords
 - National anthem is 'God Save the King'
 - There are Christian images on our national flag
 - Churches all over the country, including 25 in Brent
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England



Scotland



United Kingdom



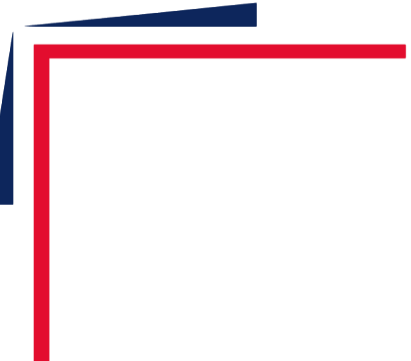
Wales



Northern Ireland







Dr Wendi Cunningham Momen MBE – *Director and Trustee, National Spiritual Assembly of The Bahá'ís of the United Kingdom*

Dr Mehool Sanghrajka MBE – *Institute of Jainology*

Malcolm Deboo – *President, Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe*

The Most Venerable Bogoda Seelawimala – *Chief Sangha Nayaka of Great Britain, Head Monk of the London Buddhist Vihara*

The Lord Singh of Wimbledon CBE – *Director of the Network of Sikh Organisations UK*

Visakha Dasi – *President of Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple*

Dr Aliya Azam MBE – *Al Khoei Foundation, Shia Muslim Community*

Mufti Sir Hamid Patel CBE – *Star Academies, Sunni Muslim Community*

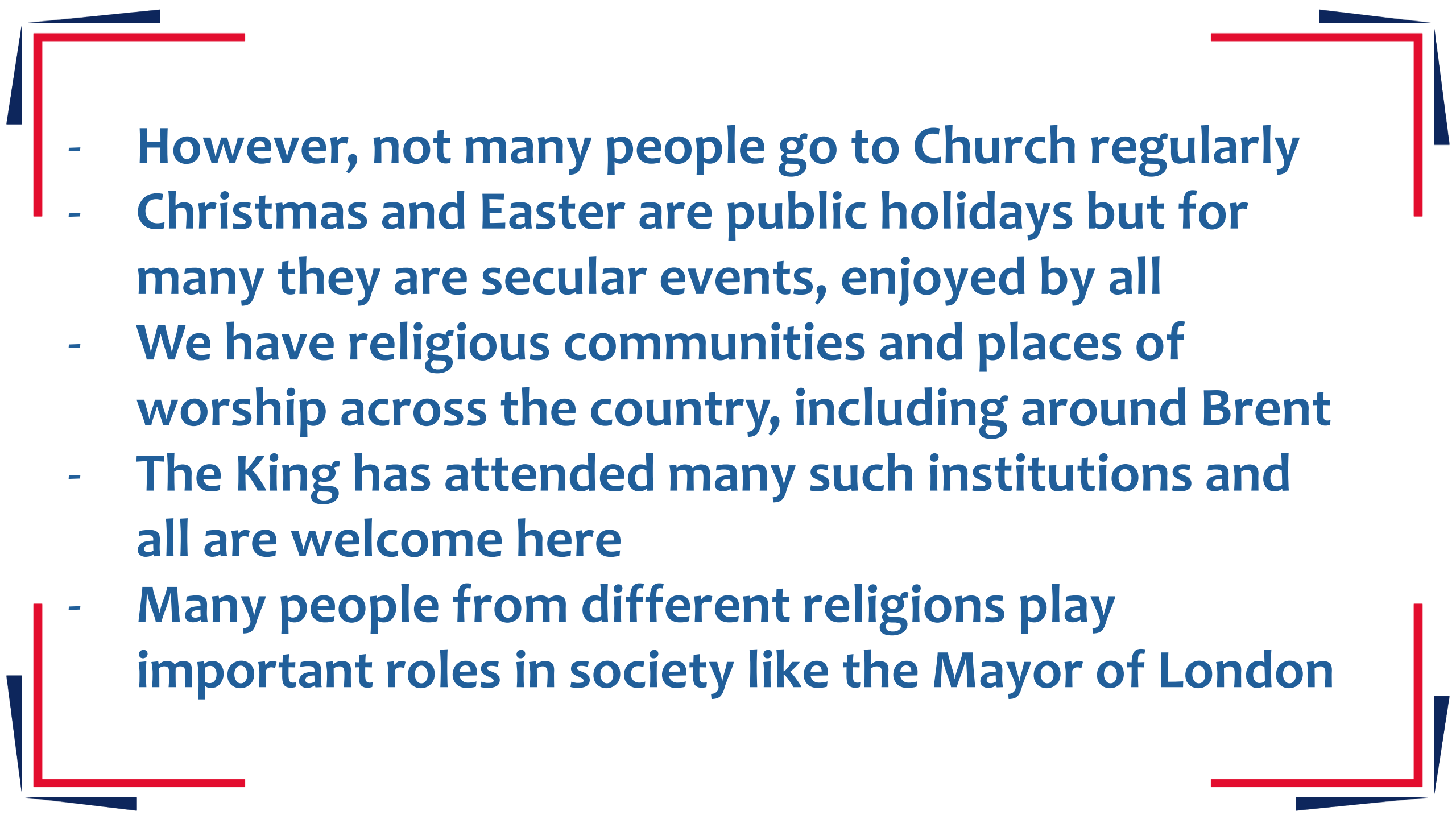
Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE – *Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth*









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- However, not many people go to Church regularly
 - Christmas and Easter are public holidays but for many they are secular events, enjoyed by all
 - We have religious communities and places of worship across the country, including around Brent
 - The King has attended many such institutions and all are welcome here
 - Many people from different religions play important roles in society like the Mayor of London











Neasden Temple



Willesden Jewish Cemetery



Brent Central Mosque

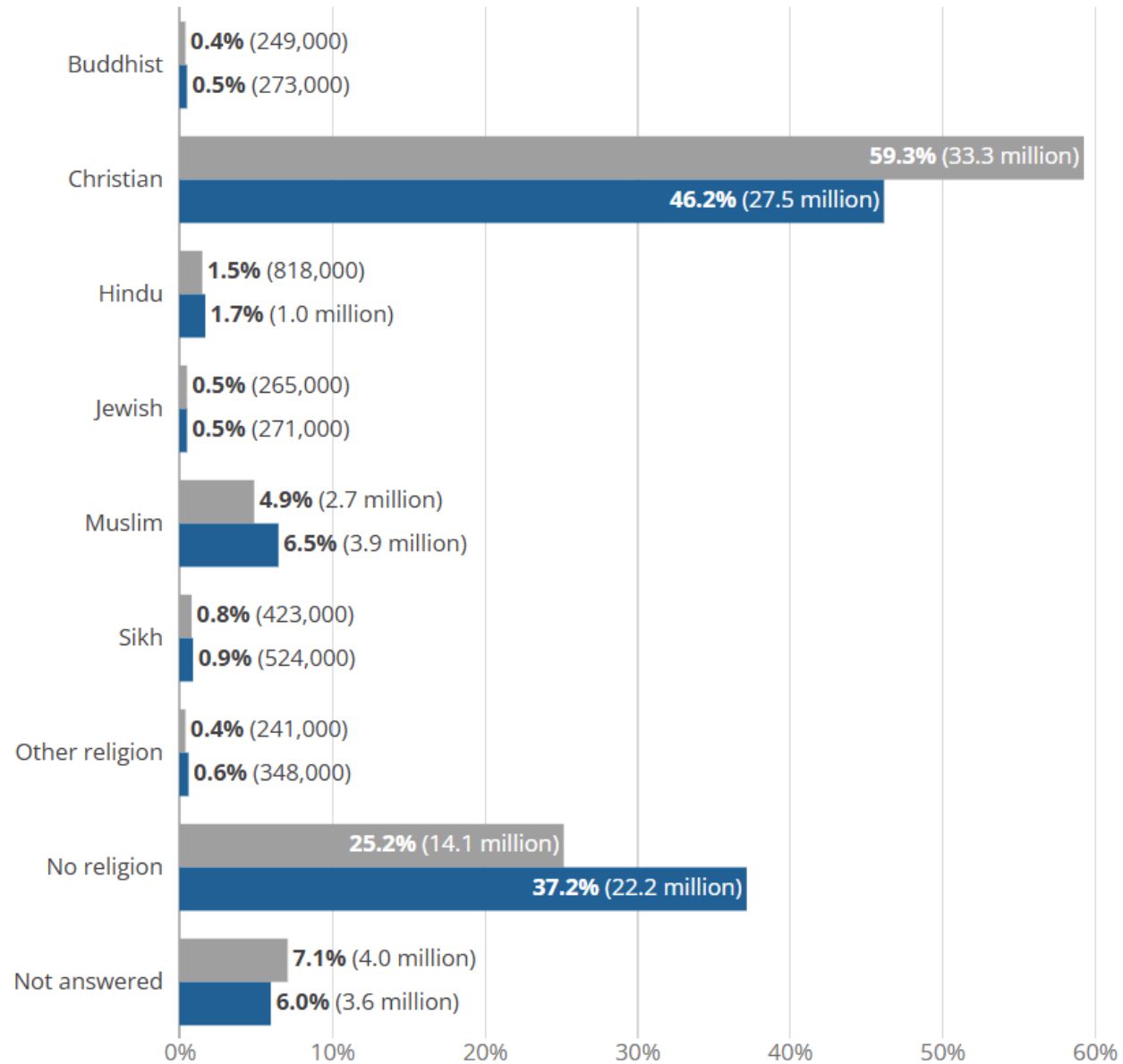


Brent Sikh Centre

Religious composition, 2011 and 2021, England and Wales

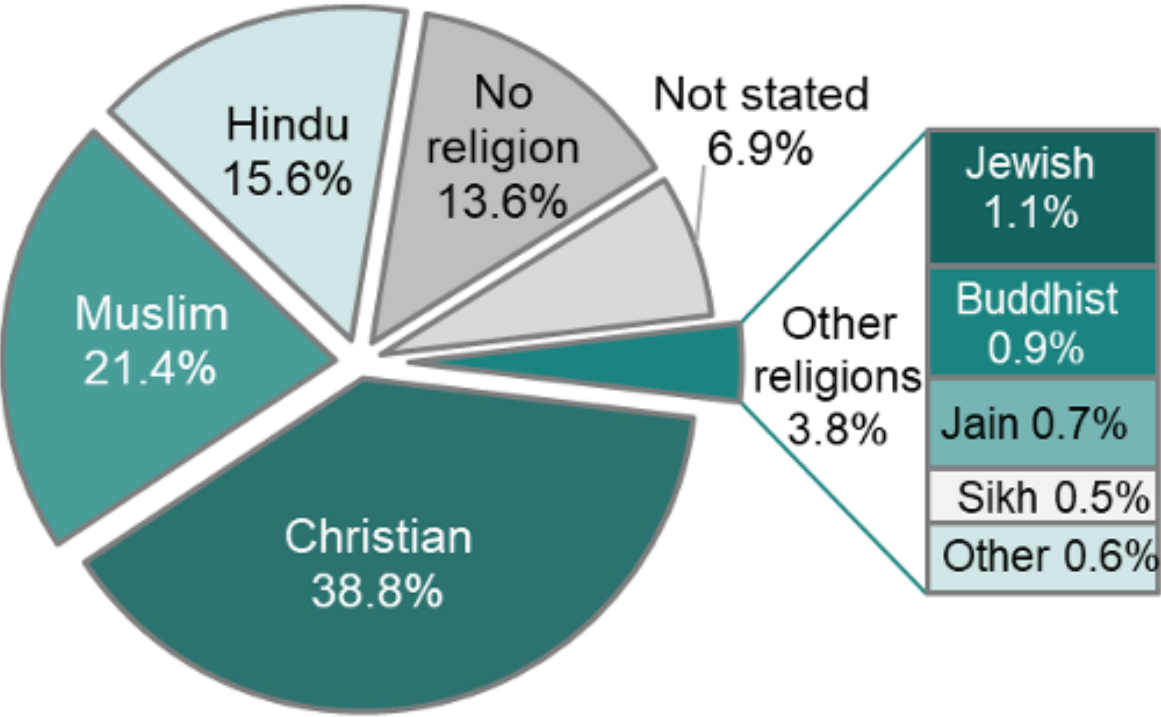
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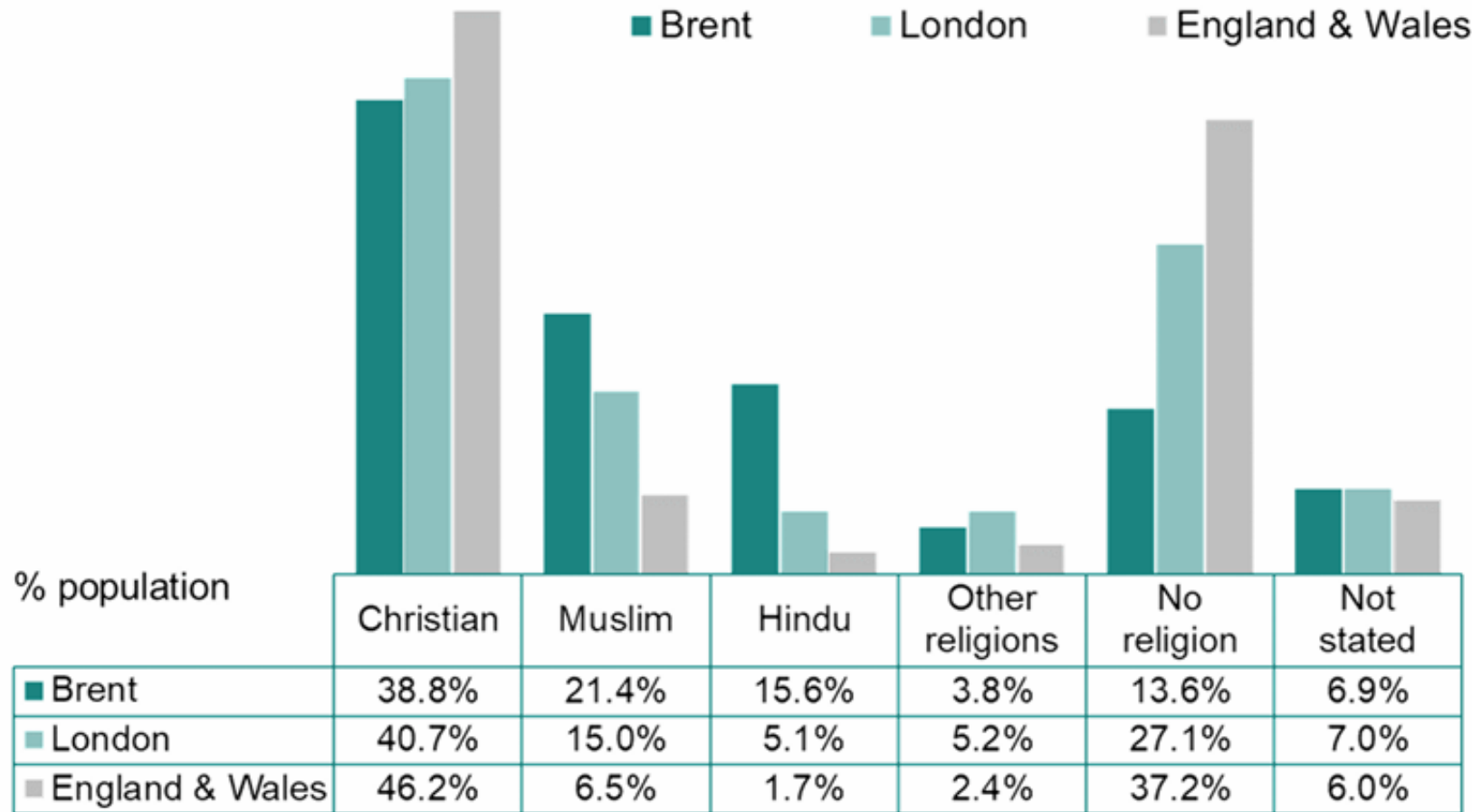
Population by religion, Brent, 2021

Census question: *What is your religion?*



	Population
Christian	131,914
Muslim	72,574
Hindu	52,876
Jewish	3,723
Buddhist	3,117
Sikh	1,530
Other religion	4,424
- of which, Jain:	2,488
No religion	46,153
Not stated	23,506
Total	339,817

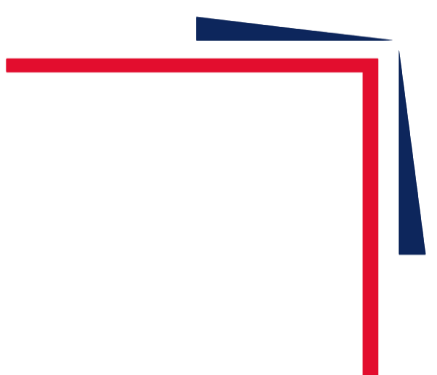
Population by religion, Brent, London and England & Wales 2021



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- With so many different religions, and many people not being religious at all, the government talks more about British values than religious teachings.

These values are promoted in schools:

- Democracy
 - The rule of law
 - Individual liberty
 - Mutual tolerance and respect of people of different faiths and beliefs
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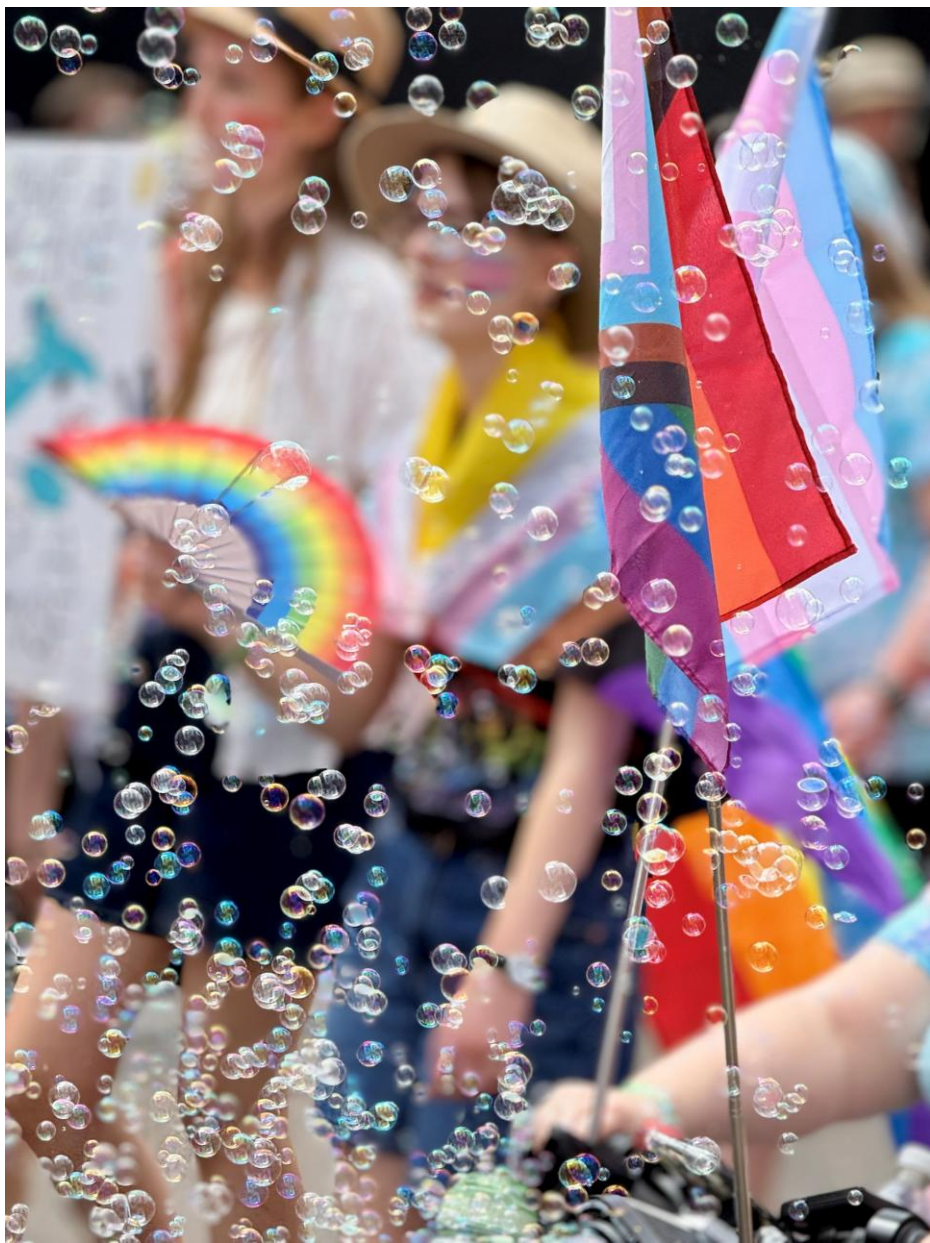
To these values I would add:

- **Hard work**
- **Fairness**
- **Respect for others**
- **Equality**



We want Britain to be a place where everyone is of the same value; everyone works hard and contributes; everyone is treated fairly/equally

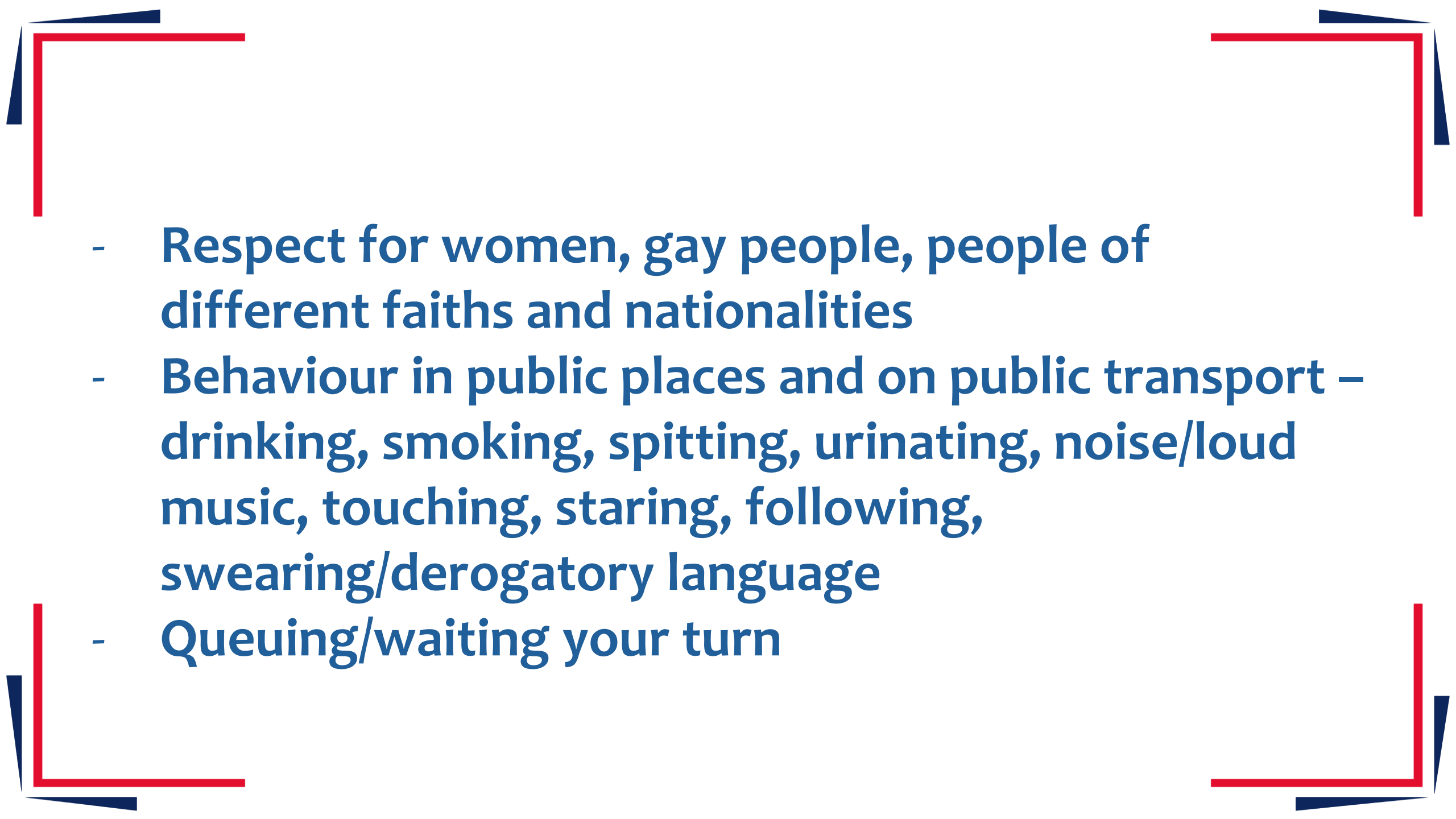


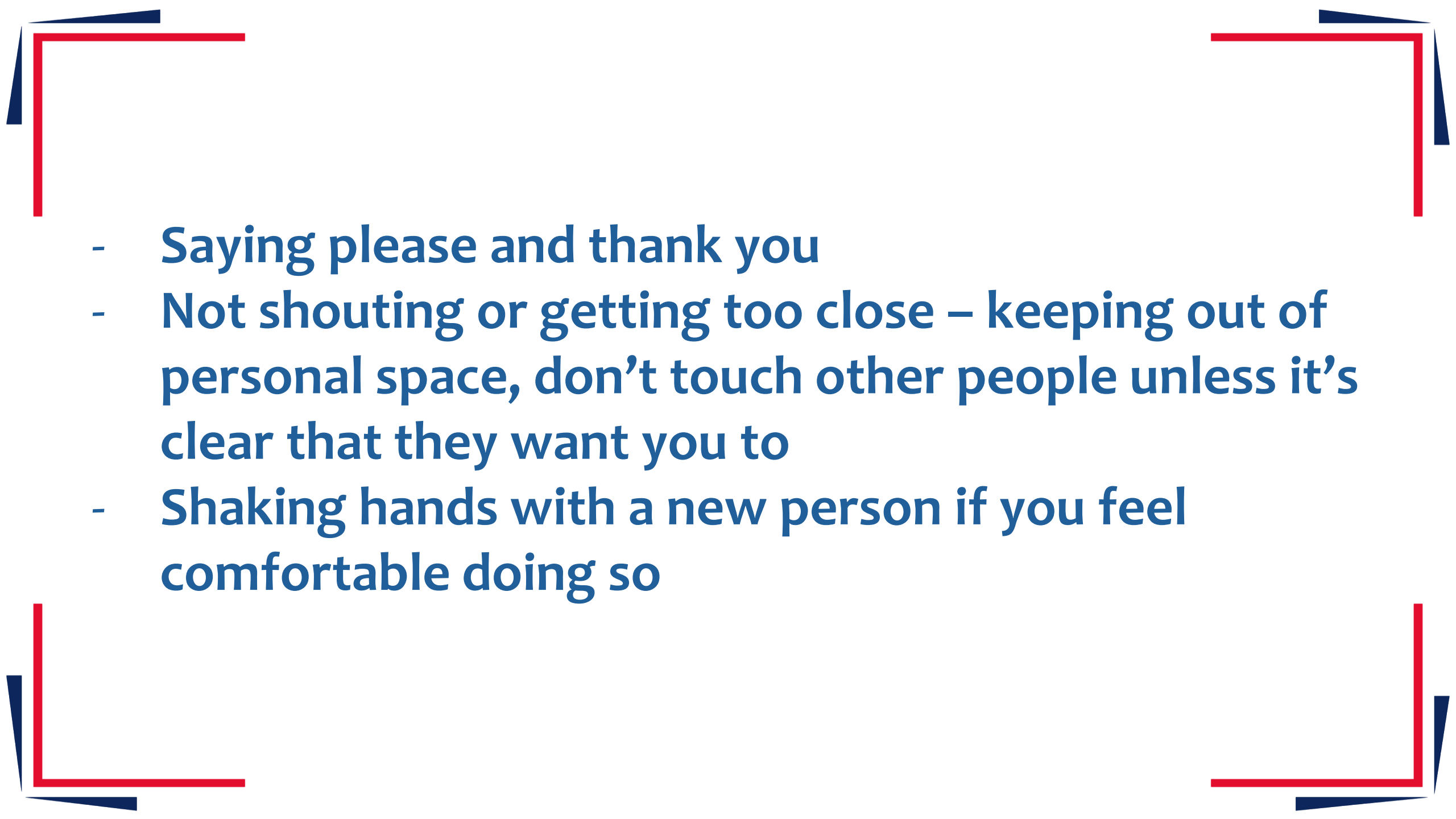


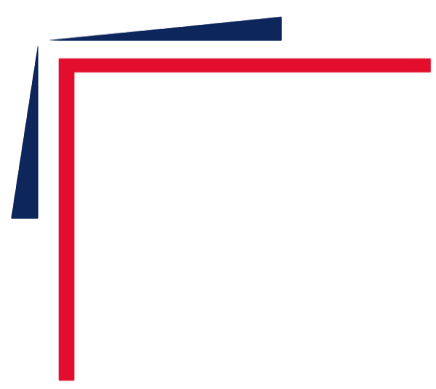
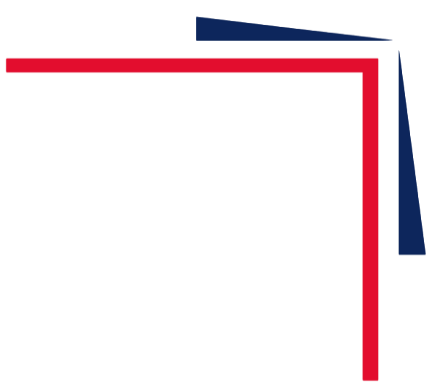
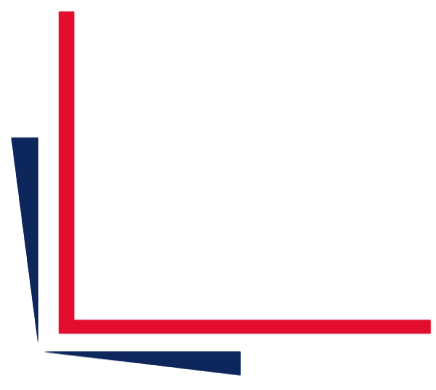


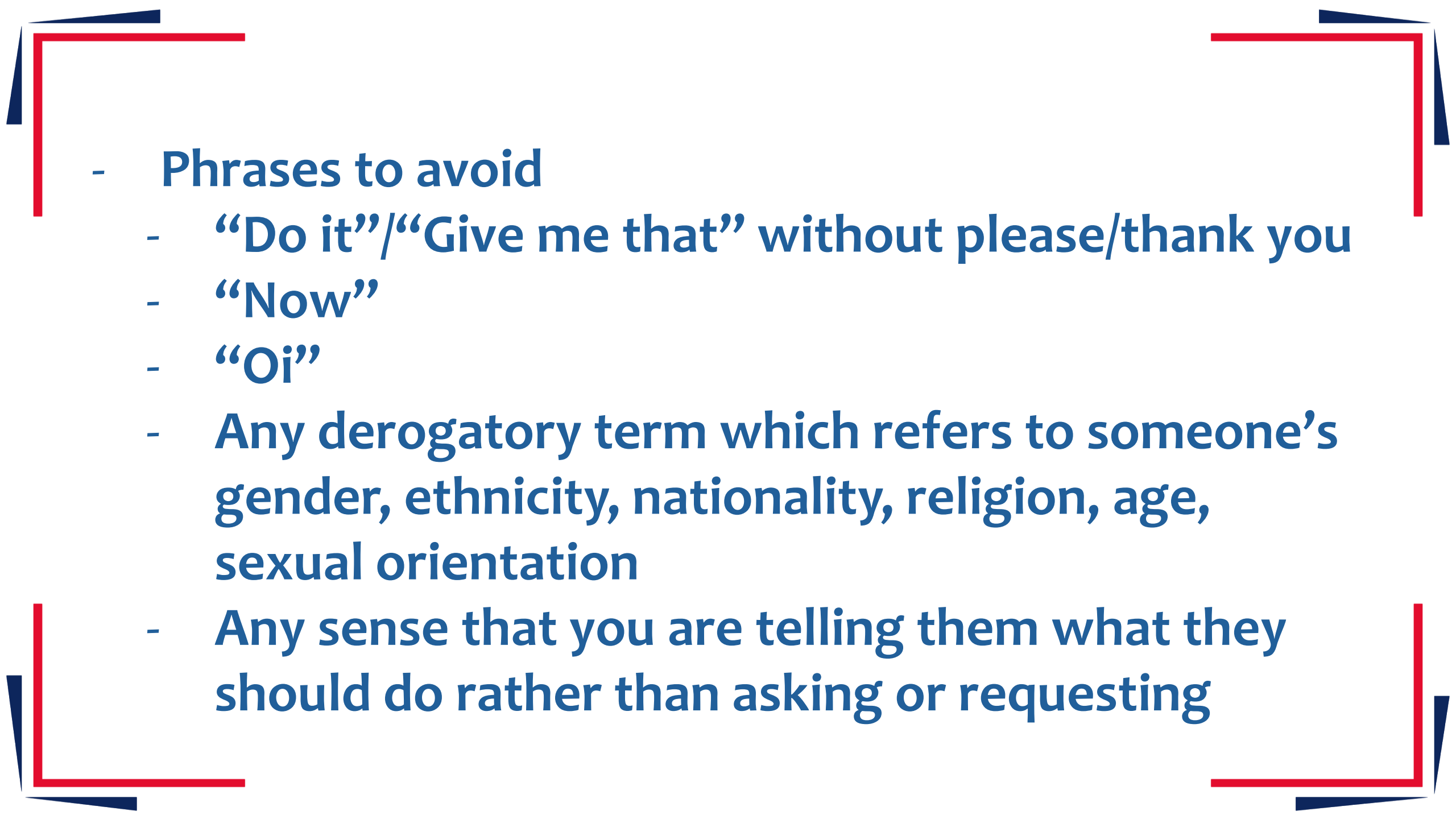


Customs and behaviour

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- Respect for women, gay people, people of different faiths and nationalities
 - Behaviour in public places and on public transport – drinking, smoking, spitting, urinating, noise/loud music, touching, staring, following, swearing/derogatory language
 - Queuing/waiting your turn

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- Saying please and thank you
 - Not shouting or getting too close – keeping out of personal space, don't touch other people unless it's clear that they want you to
 - Shaking hands with a new person if you feel comfortable doing so

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- Some useful language
 - “Excuse me”/“Excuse me please”
 - “I would be very grateful if you could help me”
 - “You’re welcome”
 - “Could you tell me where this is please?”
 - “How are you today?”
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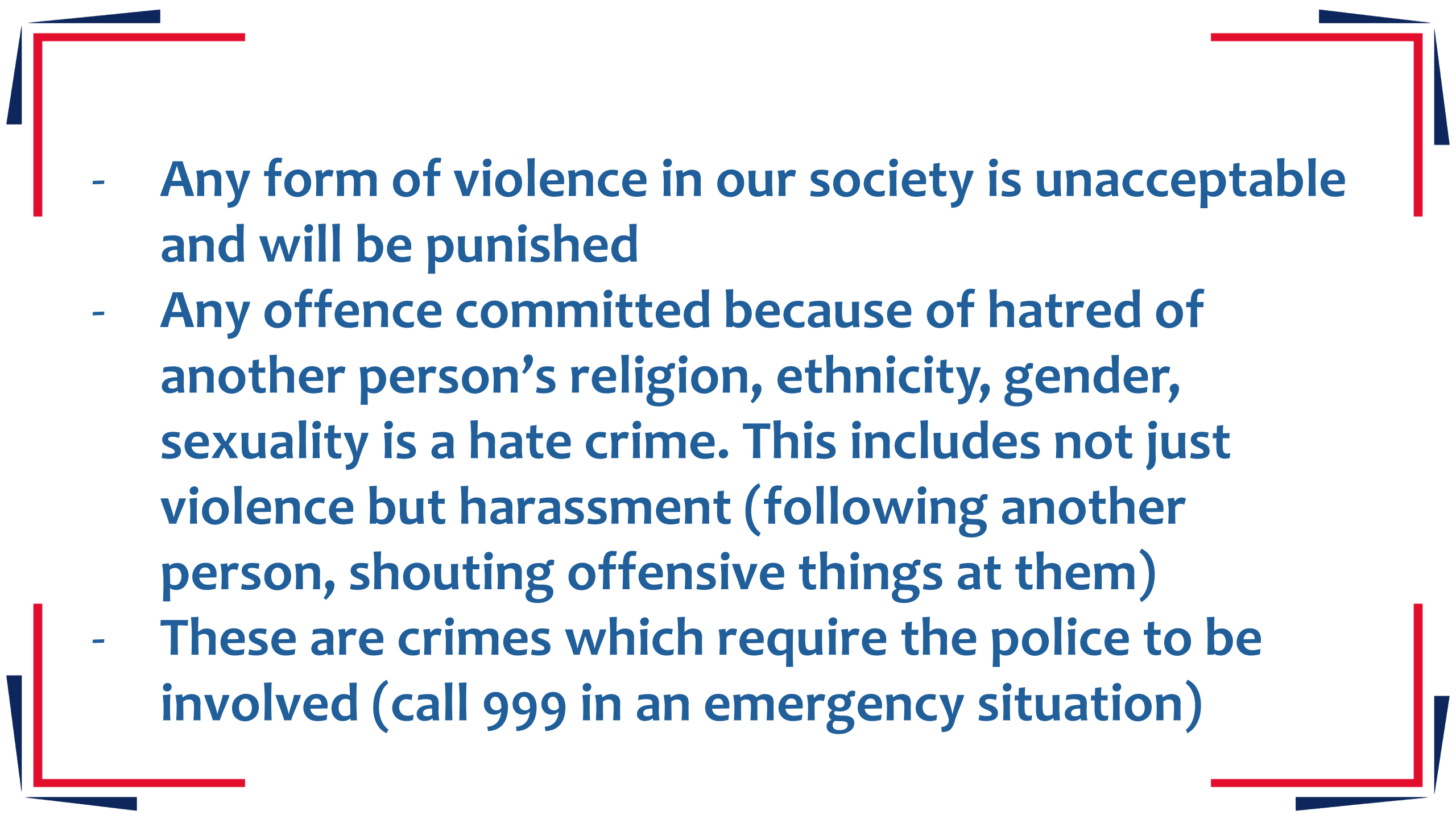
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- **Phrases to avoid**
 - **“Do it”/“Give me that” without please/thank you**
 - **“Now”**
 - **“Oi”**
 - **Any derogatory term which refers to someone’s gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, age, sexual orientation**
 - **Any sense that you are telling them what they should do rather than asking or requesting**



Practice session



Discrimination and hate crime

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- Any form of violence in our society is unacceptable and will be punished
 - Any offence committed because of hatred of another person's religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality is a hate crime. This includes not just violence but harassment (following another person, shouting offensive things at them)
 - These are crimes which require the police to be involved (call 999 in an emergency situation)



Keeping Safe from Hate and Other Crimes

Stay safe in your community. This leaflet has important numbers and ways to report crimes or get help. We're here for you.

Emergency? Call 999

 If you or someone is in **danger now** or a crime is happening, call the police on **999**.

This is free and fast.

Don't speak English?

Say "Police", and when you are put through, say the language you speak and an interpreter will join the call.

Not an Emergency? Call 101

 If the crime already happened or you are not in danger, call **101** to tell the police.

This helps them know what happened.

Don't speak English?

Say "Police", and when you are put through, say the language you speak, and an interpreter will join the call.



Prefer to report online?

Reporting the incident via the police online portal, scan QR code:

Or on X <https://x.com/MetCC> (@MetCC)



Don't Want to Give Your Name? Call Crimestoppers

If you want to tell the police about a crime but not share your name, call **0800 555 111**.

You stay secret, and it's free.



Want to Talk to Someone About What Happened? Call Stop Hate UK

If you are unsure about reporting a hate incident that happened to you or that you saw, you can get help and advice anytime, call **0800 138 1625**.

This service is here to help you.



Want Support Because You Have Experienced or Seen Crime or Hate Crime?

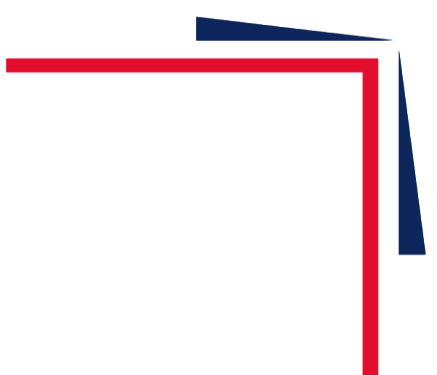
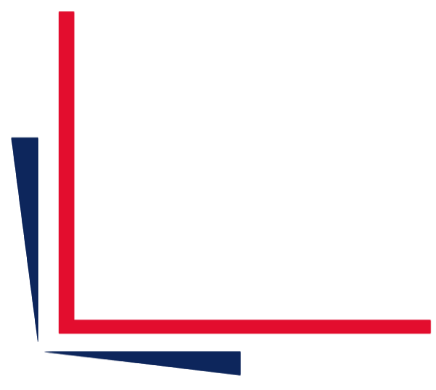
If you are a victim of, or have seen a crime, and want support, call **0808 168 9291**

If the crime you have experienced is a hate crime, there is specific support available, visit www.catch-hatecrime.org.uk/

These services are here to help you.

Stay safe. You are not alone.



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- Discrimination may be more subtle
 - It could involve not being offered a service or an opportunity because of your background, or being treated differently at a shop or a hospital or school
 - These are not hate crimes but still are unacceptable and should be raised with the local authority or others
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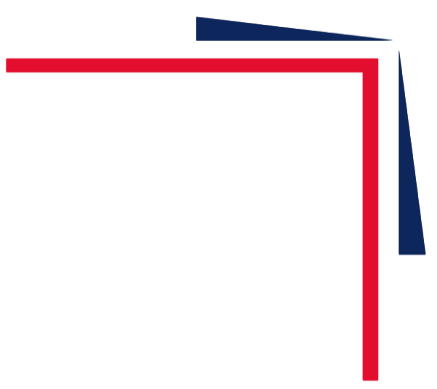
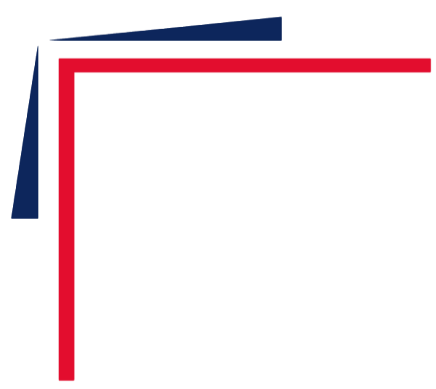
- Citizens Advice Bureau Brent: 02084381249
- Brent community safety team: 02089371058
- Ealing Law Centre: 02085794598
- West London Equality Centre: 02082312575
- Stop Hate UK: 08001381625
- Brent Hubs Meeting: via your support team
- Police: 999 (urgent), 101 (non urgent)

If you have been discriminated against or been a victim of a hate crime, please ask for help

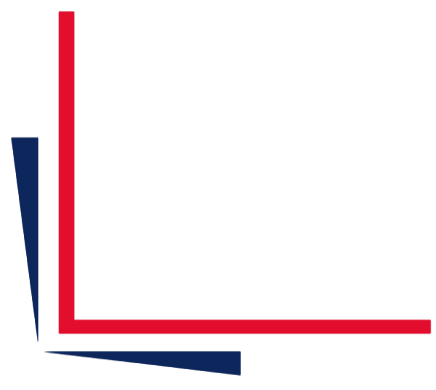


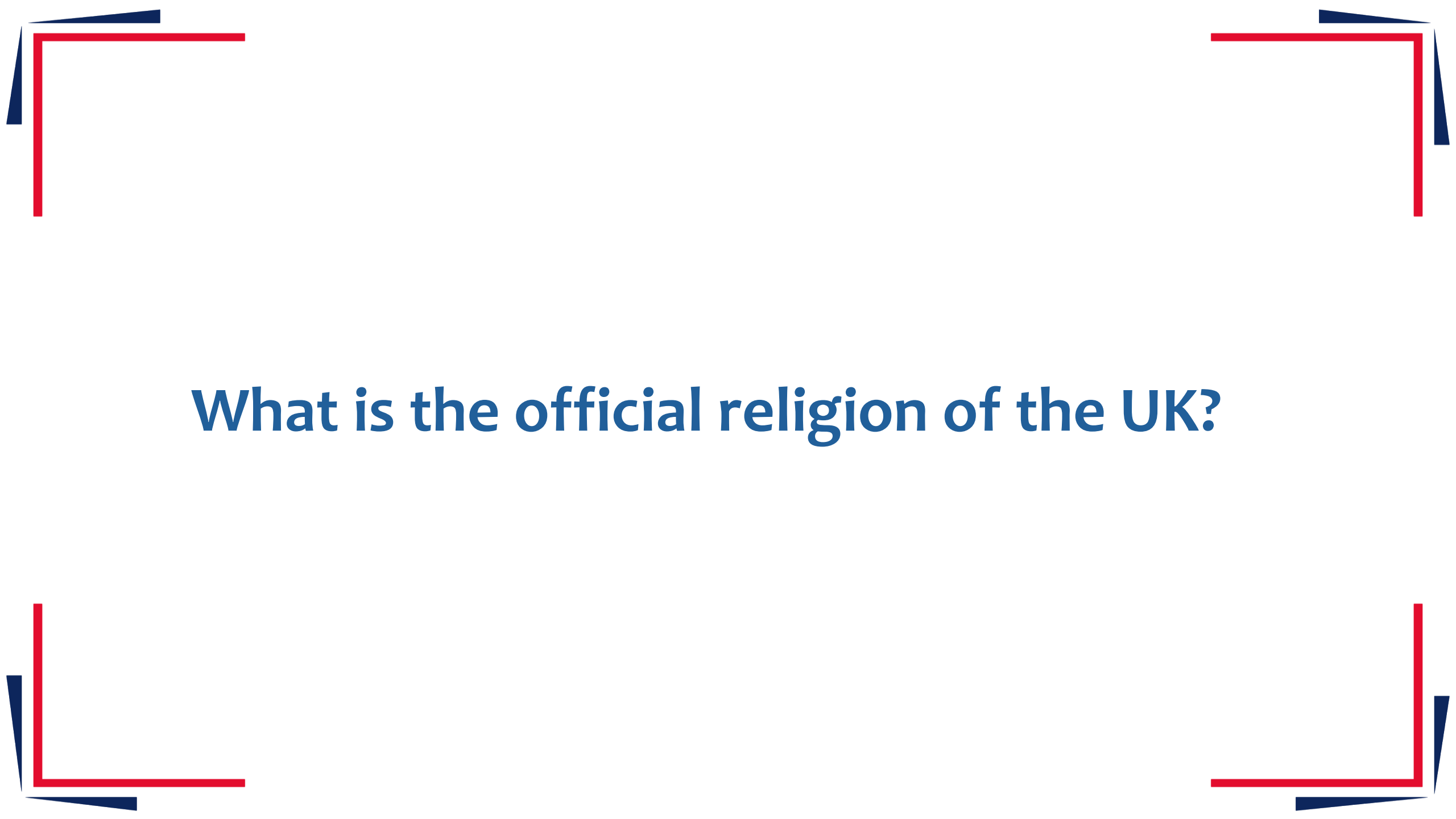
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Quick quiz

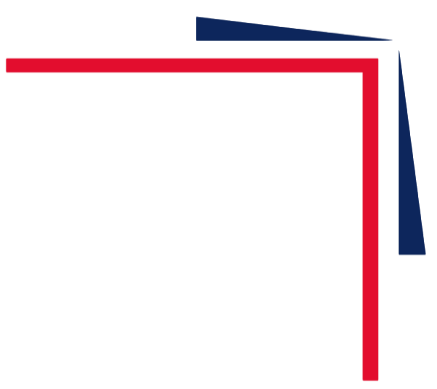
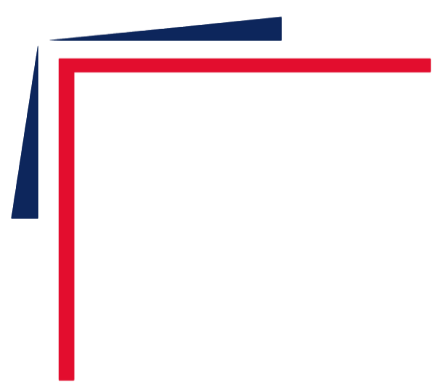


**What number should you call in an emergency?
What should you say?**

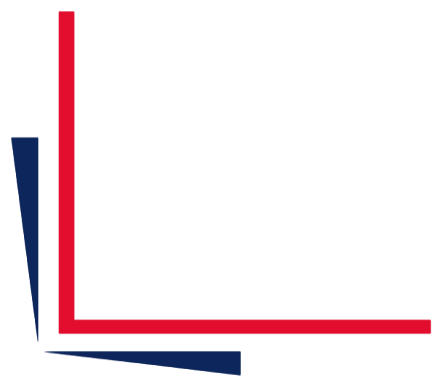




What is the official religion of the UK?



What is our national anthem?





Who is the leader of the Church of England?

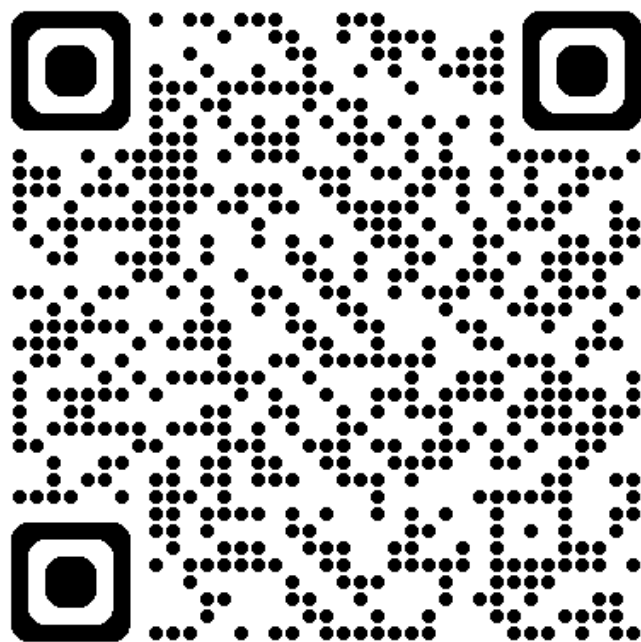


**Is violence, discrimination or hatred ever
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