

LIBERTY

EDUCATION

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Two Policy and Campaigns Officers presented a paper on education and the need to set out a broader vision for a rights-based and anti-oppressive approach to primary and secondary education. The paper set out the overarching principles that should guide Liberty's approach to working on education - either through influencing legislation, intervening in legal cases or speaking about education in public comms.

These principles were:

1. Liberty should take a holistic view of the right to education
2. Education is inherently political
3. Education should value care and trust over surveillance, punishment and control
4. Education should centre young people's voice and promote their dignity and self-determination
5. Inclusive education must be underpinned by the social model of disability

It was noted that the above principles were non-exhaustive, and that human rights frameworks should be seen as the floor and not the ceiling. These principles were accepted and endorsed by Policy Council.