# Helping Your Child(ren) to Think Critically about Fake News and Prejudice – Further Resources

Fact Checking Websites

**Snopes:** [**www.snopes.com**](http://www.snopes.com/)

Snopes is a place where you can check for the truth behind stories. It is an internet reference source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours, and misinformation. You can also read about how rumours and myths start and spread.

**Hoax Slayer:** [**www.hoax-slayer.com**](http://www.hoax-slayer.com/)

Hoax Slayer is a website which is dedicated to debunking email hoaxes, thwarting Internet scammers, combating spam, and educating web users about email and Internet security issues.

**Tabloid Watch:** [**www.tabloid-watch.blogspot.co.uk**](http://www.tabloid-watch.blogspot.co.uk/)

Tabloid Watch is a blog which highlights false or exaggerated tabloid headlines and gives the facts behind them.

**Channel 4 Fact Check:** [**www.blogs.channel4.com/factcheck**](http://www.blogs.channel4.com/factcheck)

This blog by Channel 4 news looks for the facts behind news headlines to see if they are accurate.

**Politifact:** [**www.politifact.com**](http://www.politifact.com/)

Politifact is a fact-checking website run by editor and reporters from an independent newspaper in Florida. It checks claims by elected officials, candidates, leaders of political parties and political activists. They also check claims from columnists, bloggers, political analysts, hosts and guests of talk shows and other member of the media.

Further Resources for Educating Children about Critical Thinking and Challenging Prejudice

**British Red Cross ‘Newsthink’:** [**www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/newsthink-teaching-resources**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/newsthink-teaching-resources)

Newsthink is a free, topical news resource with engaging activity ideas regularly emailed directly to users’ inboxes. Resources include ideas to help young people explore current affairs and the world around them from a humanitarian perspective.

**Amnesty International:** [**www.amnesty.org/en/human-rights-education/**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.amnesty.org/en/human-rights-education)

Amnesty International has free resources, blogs, education toolkits and online courses for young people and adults to learn more about human rights.

**Oxfam Education:** [**www.oxfam.org.uk/education/**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.oxfam.org.uk/education)

Oxfam Education offers a huge range of ideas, resources and support to help young people understand their world and make a difference in it.

**UK Parliament Learning:** [**www.parliament.uk/education**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.parliament.uk/education)

The UK Parliament Learning website contains free teaching resources and online Learn Live sessions, helping children to engage with the work of the UK Parliament. Users can also sign up to their education newsletter.

**Show Racism the Red Card:** [**www.theredcard.org/resources-and-activities**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.theredcard.org/resources-and-activities)

The website contains a wide variety of resources and activities which explore racism, Islamophobia, anti-immigrant sentiment, anti-Traveller sentiment and homophobia (some materials are provided free of charge and some come at a cost).

**Institute of Physics:** [**www.iop.org/education/teacher/support/girls\_physics/resources/page\_63821**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.iop.org/education/teacher/support/girls_physics/resources/page_63821)

The Institute of Physics have a webpage dedicated to resources exploring gender inequality and how to teach about gender stereotypes both within and outside of a science context.

**Stonewall:** [**www.stonewall.org.uk/schools-colleges**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.stonewall.org.uk/schools-colleges)

Stonewall has created numerous best practice toolkits and teaching resources to help educators teach young people of all ages about LGBT equality. There are also home learning packs exploring various topics including LGBT history and different families, all of which are free to download.

**Educate against Hate:** [**www.educateagainsthate.com**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.educateagainsthate.com)

Educate against Hate is a UK government website containing advice and trusted resources for schools to safeguard students from radicalisation, build resilience to all types of extremism and promote shared values.

**PSHE Association:** [**www.pshe-association.org.uk**](https://equaliteach.sharepoint.com/sites/TrainingWorkshopResources/Shared%20Documents/Adult%20Training/ELE%20E-learning%20Courses/Parent%26Carers%20Session/Helping%20Children%20to%20Think%20Critically%20about%20Fake%20News%20and%20Prejudice/Handouts/www.pshe-association.org.uk)

The PSHE Association contains a wealth of resources and advice for teaching about personal, social and health education.

Internet Safety Resources

**ParentZone:** [**www.parentzone.org.uk**](http://www.parentzone.org.uk/)

ParentZone are specialists in providing advice and guidance for parents and carers on digital safety. The website includes parents’ guides, information on parental controls and privacy on social media, a LGBTQ+ hub and articles to help parents and carers to talk to their child(ren) about difficult topics, such as sex and relationships.

**Net-Aware:** [**www.net-aware.org.uk**](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/)

A collaboration between O2 and NSPCC, the website has a comprehensive guide to social networks, gaming and apps, and offers free phone advice from O2 about online safety.

**Internet Matters:** [**www.internetmatters.org**](http://www.internetmatters.org/)

Internet Matters has a resources hub containing materials to teach about online safety, information about how to set up devices safely and guidance on what to do about issues such as online grooming, sexting, radicalisation and cyberbullying.

**UK Safer Internet Centre:** [**www.saferinternet.org.uk**](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)

This website contains online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.

**NSPCC:** [**www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety**](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

The NSPCC has advice on how to deal with a range of issues, including sexting, inappropriate or explicit content, online gaming, livestreaming and online video apps, and pornography.