

Education and Controversy. What inequalities exist?

BA (Hons) Education Studies
BA (Hons) SENDI



Welcome to a taste of....

- Education Studies
- SENDI
- A taste of what our lectures are like.
- A taste of the kinds of issues and questions we explore in our courses.

Introductions

- Joanne Smith – Course Leader SENDI
- Dr Jenny Hatley – Course Leader Education Studies
- Our lovely students!

Education is controversial!

- Education is very controversial! Not just now, but always because Education never exists purely on its own.
- The pandemic has exposed inequality in our education system like never before.

The Independent, January 2021



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Teachers' grades to replace A-levels and GCSEs in England

By Sean Coughlan
BBC News family and education correspondent

🕒 4 days ago

 Coronavirus pandemic



Polls

- These are anonymous!
- 1. I feel that the education system is fair.
- 2. I am happy that I will not be sitting exams this year.
- 3. I would rather be in school now than learning at home.

**Underlying all
of those issues
are values.**

- Values are those things inside us that help us to judge what we think is fair, right or wrong.
- If there are things out there right now that you think are unfair, it may be because you hold different values to the people making the decisions.

Our University Values



Building relationships



Developing leadership and
delivering distinctive education

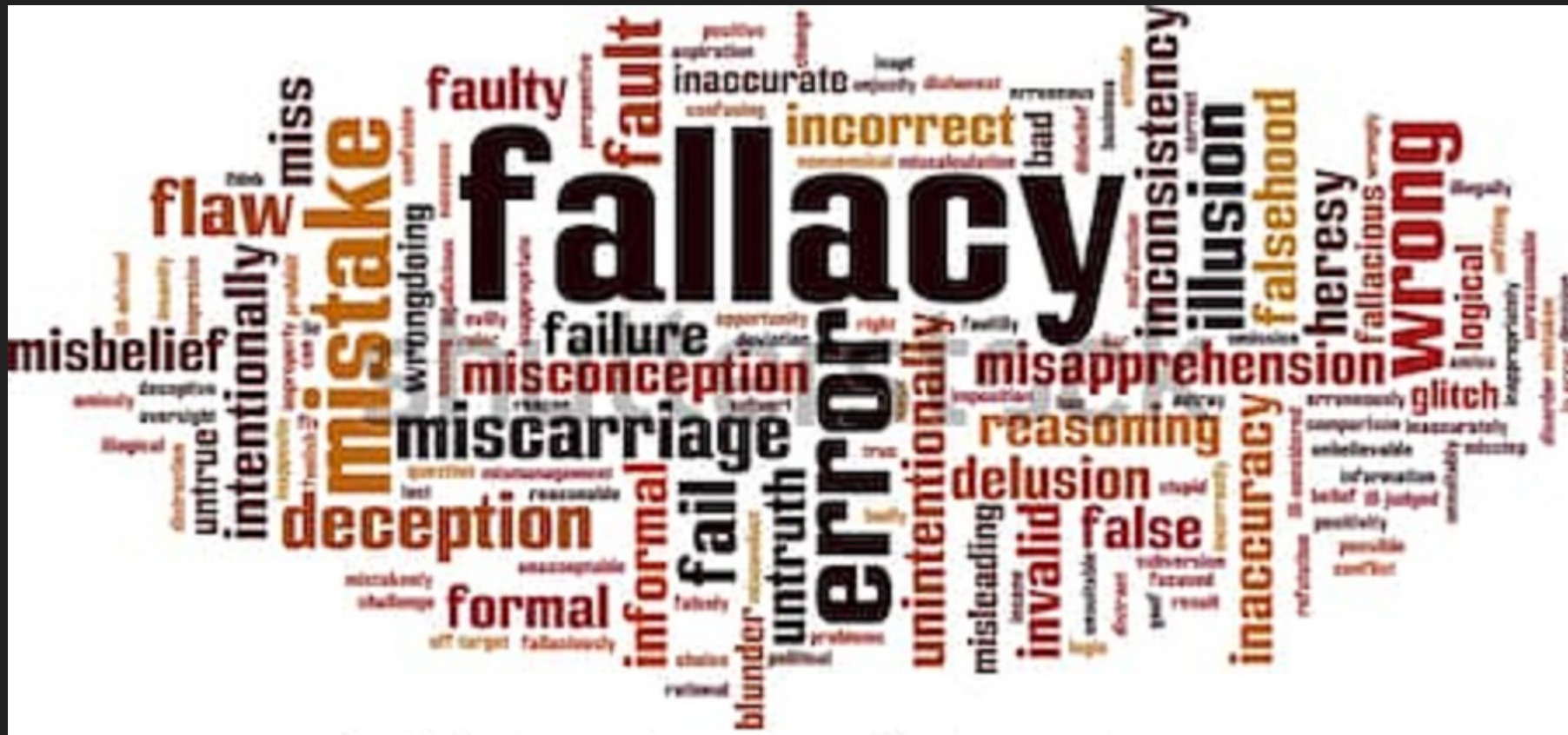


Engaging with the community



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What is missing in education? Explore the headlines.



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School league tables: Boys behind girls for three decades

By School League Tables Team
BBC News

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'Children need to learn about different cultures'

About 140 pupils have attended a day in Belfast celebrating Arabic culture and language.

In recent years, 2,000 Syrian refugees have come to Northern Ireland.

Teachers hope the event helps students learn about the culture of their classmates with Arabic backgrounds.

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Autism and ADHD 'not being spotted' as exclusions rise

By Dani Thomas
BBC Wales Live

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We finally have an LGBT-inclusive curriculum - now teachers must be supported to implement it

New regulations for teaching relationships and sex education in English schools are now coming into force and schools have until the Summer to put this into practice



By Mo Wiltshire

September 1, 2020 2:18 pm

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Group Activity

- Spend a few minutes searching for news headlines about education.
- You may find something on the pandemic, but also search for other issues. Perhaps there is something in particular that you are interested in or that concerns you – look for that!
- Be prepared to say something about your headline and post the link in the chat box.

Come and join us!

We explore all of these things on our courses.

We run interactive sessions like this one – group activities, discussions, debates, individual study...

And we always want to hear about YOUR experiences and what YOU think!

Student Q&A

○ Our current students say...

‘I thought I knew what I wanted to do but Education Studies has opened my mind to so many options.’ ‘The support you get is fantastic’.

‘The content is so interesting and engaging, we are constantly being challenged, in a good way’. ‘Both the lecturers and guest speakers are so knowledgeable’.

○ And now for the real picture!