

# Extract from Dame Louise Casey interview on BBC Radio 4, World At One, Monday, 2 December 2019

*Interviewer: Sarah Montague*

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## Extract concerning home education:

**Louise Casey** [00:20:53]

I think the other thing is that, you know, the one thing I feel really strongly about is, people are forgetting that prevention is better than cure. So what happened over the weekend, the politicisation of this very quickly went into Jeremy Corbyn saying this is all about austerity and as of today, saying it's actually all about the Iraq war, and Boris Johnson saying this is actually about, you know, being tough on crime and longer prison sentences. The truth is, these things are much more difficult. It's about trying to stop people wanting to have extreme views in the first place. Then with those extreme views turn into acts that they plot and seek to kill other people. You know, prevention starts right back at the beginning in somebody's life; it doesn't, doesn't happen, you know, on London Bridge.

**Sarah Montague** [00:21:42]

Okay. So are you suggesting it happens at school, if you're saying you need to go back?

**Louise Casey** [00:21:47]

Well I do think that there's a, I mean everybody finds it really difficult to say that somewhere in all of this, if everybody was growing up in a situation where they met people that were different to them and that includes the people that go to Eton, if they met poor people the same way people in poor areas if actually they got to see that there is hope. And that we know for example the evidence is if you're white and you meet somebody who's black when you're young, you're less likely to be prejudiced when you get older. There is a, there is a beginning of this.

**Sarah Montague** [00:22:15]

So get rid of private schools, get rid of faith schools and have everybody school together?

**Louise Casey** [00:22:18]

"Well yeah I don't like home schooling and I think the fact one of my recommendations I made in the integration review, I think in this very studio was, **we have to know where children are** and the growth in home schooling is a real worry. [emphasis in Casey's voice] We don't monitor what's happening in those places. We don't monitor what's happening in those families. And the government hasn't taken sufficient action on that. So how do we know what hatred is being poured, either far right hatred or Islamist hatred, being poured into children's minds? We're sitting here and we don't know the answer to that question. And that really profoundly worries me."