

## UK and International Organisations

**International Court of Justice-** World court **CIVIL-** settles disputes between countries

**International Criminal Court-** criminal- eg. Gaddafi

**Geneva Conventions-** agreed rules that apply in war time (conflict), to protect people not involved eg. sick, wounded, civilians (International Humanitarian Law)



## Life in Modern Britain

## UK action

### UK in Northern Ireland- 1968-1998

UK tried peacefully to sort out conflict between Unionists and Nationalists

- UK government took control
- = lots of bombings in the UK
- - Peace talks
- = 'Good Friday Agreement'
- = 1998- N.I. and Ireland agreed referendum= peace.



UK action- mediation, sanctions, force

## UK in Kosovo 1998- 2008

UN failed to maintain peace= civil war in Kosovo= thousands of refugees

- NATO= armed intervention-
- UK= 3000 soldiers
- Serbia surrendered
- UK stayed until 2008 to maintain peace



NGO's- OXFAM, Amnesty International

**Non- governmental organisations-** Can help and demand change- demonstrate, use media, campaign- MUST be peaceful. RED CROSS in Syria= food, water, shelter. \* Refugee crisis= Immigration Act 2016- Higher control BUT allow 3000 child refugees in UK- BUT- govnt. revoked this (DUBS amendment)= outcry.

	NATO	UN (UNSC- Security Council)	G8	COMMONWEALTH	EU
Is the UK a leading member?	Yes 	Yes 	Yes	Yes 	Yes 
Purpose	Defence treaty- USA and Western Europe	Peace keeping- global- founded UDHR	Economic/ industry. Discuss economy and politics	Decolonised nations of British Empire- share values/ ideas	Common market for goods, services and people, EU Parliament and court of justice
Should UK stay?	Support and power. Makes links with other countries	Maintain peace + security, decision making + human rights	Benefits trade and economy	Social issues discussed- commits to values	Business/ trade, freedom of movement, no tax on trade
Should UK leave?	Against communism- could be seen as an attack? – Links with USA/ Trump= controversial	Links with China/ US/ Russia= controversial. Any member can veto ideas.	Capitalism issues. UK economy is not good! – Not enough help for poor families.	Reinforces superiority of Britain- 'neo-colonial institution'	Freedom of movement= lowers wages –If Euro collapses= economy= broken - we have to abide by EU law

## Key terms

**Identity**- characteristics that make us who we are eg. age/ gender, nationality, class, ethnicity

**Multiple identities**- range of identities eg. family from Pakistan, born in UK

**Prejudice**- pre- judging a group of people based on one characteristic eg. 'all blonds are dumb'.

**Discrimination**- act on prejudice

**Tolerance**- mutual respect for all

**Equality Act 2010**- law which protects all from discrimination

**Global identity**- how we interact with the world eg. on global social media, holiday abroad, buy clothes/ goods from Asia, listen to US music etc.



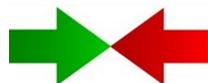
## Migration/ Immigration

**Immigration**= act of someone moving into a country

**Net migration**= difference between amount of people moving into a country and out

**Community cohesion**= society where all people have common values

**Multiculturalism**= variety of ethnic groups



### Facts about migration-

- Post WWII- people invited from former British colonies to come to UK to fill jobs
- 1972- British passport holders can settle in UK if they have a work permit
- 1992- Treaty of Maastricht= freedom of movement in UK

**PUSH** to emigrate= poverty, war, crime

**PULL** for immigration= wealth, political stability

## Media and the Press

**FREE PRESS**= media in the UK is free from political bias and newspapers can print what they want- part of democracy.

There are restrictions!

**IPSO**= deals with complaints from the public/ companies about the press, created to replace PCC

**Leveson Inquiry 2011**= following hacking of phones- decided-

1. Newspapers SHOULD continue to be self regulated and the government have no control
2. A new code of conduct was needed.

**Media responsibilities**= accuracy, opportunity to reply, privacy, no harassment, protect children, hospitals and victims of sexual violence

**Media Influence**= 2009 MPs expenses scandal= media reported MPs were misusing funds (tax payers' money)- this led to sackings.

Media MUST HOLD PEOPLE IN POWER TO ACCOUNT- part of democracy  
2013- Wikileaks



### IMMIGRATION TO UK ARGUMENTS-

**FOR**- immigrants have contributed £5 billion MORE into the UK economy than they have taken out

- There is more than enough housing- 635,127 homes in the UK are empty
- Immigrants fill jobs and skills eg. NHS
- Adds to the culture of UK- food, music etc.

**AGAINST**- drain on resources eg. NHS

- 'they only come to get the benefits' argument
- Not enough space
- Take jobs



Possible topics- Should the UK leave G8/ UNSC/ NATO etc?  
Tighter immigration controls? Tighter media controls?  
Does multiculturalism work?