



THE FOY SOCIETY



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

The following Statement was agreed by the Society on 30th April 2017

This Organisation is committed to the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and ensuring their well-being.

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of vulnerable adults and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of the Organisation.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and vulnerable adults.
- We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory denominational and specialist guidelines in relation to Safeguarding children and adults and will ensure that as an Organisation, everyone will work within the agreed procedure of our Safeguarding Policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005 and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to Safeguarding.
- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this Organisation.

- Supporting all in the Organisation affected by abuse.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a vulnerable adult.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

This policy will be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting.

If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult then speak to one of the following who have been approved as Safeguarding Co-ordinators for this Organisation.

Dorothy Hewerdine Safeguarding Co-ordinator

David Warhurst Deputy Safeguarding Co-ordinator

A copy of this Organisation's policy can be seen on the Society's website at:
<http://ukunitarians.org.uk/foy/>

Signed by Organisation

Signed

Richard Varley Secretary, on behalf of Foy Council

Date 30th April 2017