

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum

Safeguarding Policy

The above Group believes that every child, young person and vulnerable adult that participates in any activity organised by the group should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from any type of abuse.

We believe that members of the group wishing to be involved in any activities we organise shall be committed to safeguarding any participants of that activity.

The group recognises that Safeguarding is every one's responsibility.

This policy will affect members who have specific tasks within the group, or any member who wishes to contribute to the activities of the group.

The policy will take effect from 22Nd January 2013

The policy aims are

- To develop a positive and pro-active position to best protect all children, young people and vulnerable adults who are involved in any activity that the group has organised
- To demonstrate best practice in the area of child protection and the safeguarding of adults
- To promote ethics and high standards throughout our activities

The key principles underpinning this Safeguarding Policy are that:

- The child, young person or vulnerable adults' welfare is and must always be of paramount consideration.
- That all children, young people and vulnerable adults have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.
- The group is committed to responding quickly and appropriately to ALL allegations or reports of abuse and take each case seriously.

Any member of the group who is alleged to be the perpetrator will be suspended from the group whilst any investigation is ongoing. This is to protect both the member and the alleged victim.

If any member is found to be responsible for causing any type of abuse, the action taken should be decided by the Chairman and Management Committee of the group,

Below are some examples of the type of behaviours which the group will not tolerate from members and which are deemed unacceptable. Note that this list is not exhaustive:

- Persistent verbal abuse, including expletives directed at any child, young person or vulnerable adults
- Any inappropriate relationship with a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- Any financial abuse of a vulnerable adult

We agree to the above policy and to protecting any child, young person or vulnerable adult who is involved any of our group activities.

Name Chairman

Secretary

Signed:



Date:

10/1/2013



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