

SAFEGUARDING

Creating Safer Space



Foundation Module Refresher 2016 Edition

The **Methodist** Church 

What?

A safeguarding training session for all adults, both volunteer and paid, working in different roles in the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church has developed refresher safeguarding training for those undertaking various roles and responsibilities in the Methodist Church, who completed the Foundation Module between 2011 and 2016.

The session is run in a friendly, relaxed style and has been appreciated by those who have already attended.

The *Creating Safer Space Foundation Module Refresher 2016 Edition* training aims to:

- remind you that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and integral to being church
- refresh your understanding of good safeguarding practice within the Methodist Church
- learn from the Past Cases Review and note the current national context
- identify how to tackle potential obstacles to responding well within the Church
- reflect on your responsibility for sharing concerns about a child or vulnerable adult
- recognise emerging forms of abuse
- consider the needs of survivors.

So that the training meets everyone's needs, we ask you to:

- listen without interrupting
- respect the feelings, experiences and views of other people
- listen to different views and question in a constructive way that enables learning
- respect confidentiality unless it puts others at risk
- take responsibility for your own learning and share, as well as receive learning
- be aware of the potential impact of the subject on yourself and others.

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Core list – required attendance

- Presbyters with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- Deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- Pre-ordination students and probationers
- Lay employees and volunteer workers with pastoral responsibility
- Pastoral visitors
- Anyone working with 0-18 year-olds in the name of the Church
- Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (eg luncheon club for the housebound)
- Church stewards
- Circuit stewards
- Local preachers
- Worship leaders
- Those training for local preaching or worship leading
- Church and circuit safeguarding representatives
- Choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are 0-18 year-olds or vulnerable adults in the group.
- District staff especially policy committee members, complaints and discipline, mediators
- Core teaching staff at Methodist Church training institutions
- Connexional staff with direct safeguarding links (eg children and youth workers)
- 'Covenant of Care' group members
- Members of the Connexional Complaints Committee
- Any student who will be undertaking a mission placement
- Young leaders (ages 16-18)
- Members of the Safeguarding Committee

Warmly invited but not mandatory

- Evangelism/mission enablers
- Leaders of other organisations, working with 0-18 year-olds or vulnerable adults, who use church premises
- Remaining choir/music group/drama leaders
- Any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults within their particular group who are vulnerable
- Property stewards and other keyholders
- Caretakers
- Church/circuit meeting secretaries
- Church/circuit/district administrators
- Remaining district and connexional staff
- Remaining teaching staff at Methodist Church training institutions

Agreed by the Methodist Conference July 2016

