



Safeguarding Policy

The purpose and scope of this policy statement

Cowes Film Club (CFC) may, from time to time, work with children, families and vulnerable adults as part of its activities. These include but are not limited to film screenings and other events.

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults who receive CFC services.
- to provide parents and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection. This policy statement applies to anyone working on behalf of CFC.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England.

We believe that:

Children, young people and vulnerable adults should never experience abuse of any kind and we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults to keep them safe and to practice in a way that protects them.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child, young person or vulnerable adult is paramount.
- all children and vulnerable adults, regardless of age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- some people are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, vulnerable adults, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting their welfare.

We will seek to keep people safe by:

- valuing, listening to and respecting them.
- appointing a nominated safeguarding lead within CFC.



- developing child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures which reflect best practice.
- using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, vulnerable adults, parents, families and carers appropriately.
- creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we have a policy and procedure that is applicable to everyone, to help us deal effectively with any bullying that does arise.
- ensuring volunteers are familiar with contact details for local child protection services ahead of any projects / activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- sharing information about child protection and safeguarding best practice with children, their families and volunteers via leaflets, posters, group work and one-to-one discussions.
- recruiting volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made, including DBS checks for those working directly with vulnerable adults and children.
- providing effective management for volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures.
- ensuring any partners we work with on projects, activities or events involving children or vulnerable adults also have robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place and that we are sent copies of these prior to any work taking place. We also require partners to inform us of any recent or outstanding allegations made against their organisation.
- implementing a code of conduct for volunteers.
- using our procedures to manage any allegations against volunteers appropriately.
- ensuring that we have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place.
- ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.
- recording 'near-misses' - any incidents where an event or circumstance was prevented or narrowly avoided, to ensure that we are learning and improving at all times.
- recording and storing all information professionally and securely.

Safeguarding leads within CFC

Below are the contact details for the team member responsible for safeguarding and child protection at CFC.

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In case of child protection support or advice contact NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000.

Reviewing Practice

This policy was last reviewed on: 15th January 2025 and amended 15th January 2025. CFC recognises the important for this policy to remain up to date, as such the policy will be reviewed annually.

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