

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK**

**Policy Statement**

**Transforming Lives Together (TLT):**

* Is committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable, within TLT activities and associated projects;
* Is committed to establishing safe, caring communities which provide an environment where there is a culture of ‘informed vigilance’ as to the dangers of abuse and an awareness that safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility;
* Will carefully select, recruit and train trustees, staff and volunteers who work with children and young people and adults at risk, undertaking safer recruitment procedures, including obtaining criminal record checks where appropriate to the role and task being undertaken;
* Will have a named Safeguarding Lead to ensure implementation of its Safeguarding policy and procedures.
* Will listen attentively and respond without delay to every concern, complaint or allegation that a child or young person or adult at risk has suffered harm or is at risk of suffering harm, ensuring that all concerns are reported to the designated Safeguarding Lead, who in turn will report all allegations or suspicions of abuse to the relevant statutory authorities with safeguarding responsibilities;
* Will fully cooperate with statutory agencies during any investigation they make into allegations of abuse or neglect concerning a TLT trustee, staff member, volunteer or a project that TLT is involved in;
* Will ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults at risk undertaken in the name of TLT;
* Will ensure that appropriate support and pastoral care is offered to the victims / survivors of abuse and those who are the subject of concerns or allegations;
* Will in all these principles follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

In addition, TLT will require all projects receiving funding from TLT to provide evidence of their own comprehensive Safeguarding Policy and Procedures or an undertaking to adhere to this policy.

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