**UNA Greater Lincolnshire (UNA-GL) Safeguarding Policy**

This Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy sets out the arrangements of United Nations Association Greater Lincolnshire to prevent and reduce harm to children and vulnerable adults when they are in contact with UNA-GL members and volunteers. UNA-GL recognises its duty to ensure that appropriate action is taken where a child or vulnerable adult is experiencing harm or is at risk of harm. This policy relates to all children up to 18 years of age. It also relates to vulnerable adults who may need to be safeguarded from harm.

**This policy aims to**

* Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults;
* Provide assurance to parents, carers and other parties that the UNA-GL takes reasonable steps to manage risks and keep children and vulnerable adults safe;
* Ensure that UNA-GL Members and Volunteers understand their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and are provided with the necessary information, training and support on safeguarding matters;
* Ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of any allegations or suspicions regarding harm to children or vulnerable adults arising from contact with UNA-GL members and volunteers.

**Key Operational Information**

Neither members of the UNA-GL nor our volunteers are expected or permitted to work with children or vulnerable adults except in the presence of a teacher, parent, carer or other responsible person who can monitor our activity.
As a result we do not submit our members or volunteers to the UK government’s Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.

**Methods**

This Policy seeks to manage effectively the risks associated with activities and events involving children and vulnerable adults by:

* Ensuring that members of the UNA-GL and our volunteers are aware that **they must never work with children or vulnerable adults except in the presence of a teacher, parent, carer or other responsible person who can monitor their activity**.
* Completing a risk assessment for each event which involves identifying risks and means of reducing or eliminating these;
* Implementing the required actions identified by the risk assessment process and reviewing the effectiveness of these on a regular basis;
* Requiring new UNA-GL members and volunteers to familiarise themselves with the content of this policy.
* Requiring new UNA-GL members and volunteers to complete the form below to say they have read and understood this policy.
* Requiring UNA-GL members and volunteers to report any allegations or suspicions of inappropriate behaviour either to the Chair of the UNA-GL who is the Safeguarding Lead or directly to the Safeguarding Lead of the organisation with which they were engaged. They will consider the information available and decide on the appropriate course of action.

This policy is reviewed annually. This was last reviewed Jan 2024

UNA-GL Safeguarding Policy Acknowledgement

All members of the United Nations Association Coventry UNA-GL and all volunteers who work for us must complete this form to say that they have read and understood the UNA Coventry Safeguarding policy which can be found on the UNA-GL website

**Signed ............................................ Date.................................................**Please return this form to Bert Moore, Secretary UNA GL secretaryunagl@gmail.com
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