

Cragg Vale Community Limited Safeguarding Children Policy

This policy applies to all Committee Members, volunteers and anyone working on behalf of Cragg Vale Community Limited (CVCL)

Cragg Vale Community Limited believes that it is always unacceptable for a child or young person to experience abuse of any kind and recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people, by a commitment to practice which protects them.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child/young person is paramount
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

The purpose of this policy:

- To provide protection for the children and young people who participate in Cragg Vale Community Limited events and activities including the children of adult members or any adults participating in activities.
- To provide Committee Members, Members and Volunteers with guidance on procedures to adopt in the event that they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm.

Responsibilities of the Committee Members (Company Directors) of CVC Ltd

- To be familiar with the CVCL Safeguarding Children Policy
- To respond immediately to any allegations of child abuse by ensuring any such allegation is reported to all Committee Members in accordance with agreed CVCL agreed procedures
- The Chair of the Committee, after liaison with Officers of the Committee, shall report the abuse to the relevant statutory body as a matter of urgency. If the alleged abuser is a Committee Member, Volunteer or CVCL Member that person should not continue to be involved with CVCL and/or its activities, until the matter is resolved.

We will seek to safeguard children and young people by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- adopting child protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for Committee Members and volunteers
- sharing information about child protection and good practice with Committee Members and volunteers
- sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents/carers and children appropriately
- providing effective advice and support to volunteers.

We are committed to reviewing this policy and procedure annually.

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