

The Guernsey Eisteddfod Society (Eisteddfod Guernsey) Safeguarding Statement Draft (1)

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The Festival consists of performance sections in Music; English, Speech and Drama; Guernesiais; Modern Foreign Languages and Artistic Roller Skating. It also includes an extensive exhibition celebrating a wide range of Arts and Crafts including work from pre-schools and schools as well as the wider community. It culminates in a Gala Concert. The Society is a member of The British and International Federation of Festivals for Music Drama and Speech (BIFF). The Society aims to provide a high quality Festival encouraging excellence, that is inclusive and supportive for all participants, audience members and visitors to the exhibition.

The Society believes everyone has a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults, to keep them safe and to act in a way that protects them. We will give equal priority to keeping all children, young people and vulnerable adults safe, regardless of their age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. The Society recognises that some people are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of discrimination, previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.

Volunteers, venue staff and other partners always work to enable the Festival to progress in a safe, supportive environment with participants welfare of paramount importance at all times. While parents/carers/teachers/other responsible adults retain responsibility for the children or vulnerable adults they are supporting while participating in or attending the Festival, volunteers will at all times conduct themselves in a way to support the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults and to protect them from harm.

In accordance with the Children Law (Guernsey and Alderney) 2008 and relevant States of Guernsey Health and Social Care guidance documents for children and vulnerable adults, if any volunteer or member of the public has any concerns about the safety or welfare of any child or vulnerable adult they must report this as soon as possible to the appropriate agency. They can also report this to the child protection lead in the Society, Alan Brown or in his absence secretary Barbara Minta. This may also include concerns re the conduct of a volunteer, Beau Sejour member of staff, or member of the public in relation to children and vulnerable adults' safety and welfare. Complaints in relation to safeguarding and child protection should only be investigated by States of Guernsey Health and Social Care staff and/or the police. Beau Sejour staff will follow their own safeguarding processes.

Relevant contact details are:-

Adult Safeguarding Manager 01481 226923

Police 01481 222222 or 999 in an emergency

Multi Agency Support Hub (children) 01481 223182

Emergency Duty Social Work Team 01481 220000

Alan Brown Eisteddfod Child Protection Lead 07781 425001

Barbara Minta Eisteddfod Secretary 07781 111358

The NSPCC helpline is also available on 0808 800 5000

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