



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This is the statement of what we will do to look after the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults who take part in whatever way in the work of the Forum.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. By children and young people, we mean people who are under 16 years of age.
- 1.2. By 'vulnerable adults' we mean people who are 16 or older and who may be unable to take care of themselves or unable to protect themselves against harm or exploitation because of their disability, age or illness.
- 1.3. By the 'Forum' we mean Moseley Forum as a whole, the committee elected by forum members and officers and anyone else appointed by the Forum Committee to carry out tasks on its behalf.
- 1.4. For definitions of terms such as 'Member', 'Committee Member' or 'Officer' used throughout this document, refer to section 4 of the Constitution. The use of 'We' and 'The Forum' effectively mean the Committee of Moseley Forum or the responsible person.

2. COMMITMENT

- 2.1. The Forum is committed to making sure that children, as defined above, young people and vulnerable adults that are involved in any way in the work of the forum will be treated with respect and that the forum will take steps to keep them from harm. We will follow relevant guidance issued by the Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board (www.bsab.org) and the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (www.lscbbirmingham.org.uk).
- 2.2. This guidance will be monitored and acted upon by the designated Safeguarding Officer.

3. POLICIES

- 3.1. The Forum will not undertake activities which are regulated by statute law in respect of safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. This means that the Forum will not regularly undertake unsupervised activities such as teaching, training, instructing, caring for, or supervising children, young people or vulnerable adults. The forum will not provide regular advice sessions on well-being or transport unsupervised young people or children or vulnerable adults.
- 3.2. The forum welcomes the involvement of young people, over the age of 16 and vulnerable adults in all of its activities. The forum will discharge its common law duty of care towards young people and vulnerable adults in our community by:
 - 3.2.1. listening carefully to them and showing them respect
 - 3.2.2. sharing information about child protection and good practice with forum members, other neighbourhood forums and other groups in our neighbourhood
- 3.3. sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know via the Safeguarding Officer.
- 3.4. appointing one of the Committee to be safeguarding officer who will have responsibility for advising the forum on safeguarding issues and guidance.

4. REVIEWS, AMENDMENTS ETC

- 4.1. This statement will be reviewed every two years or sooner where legislation or any other statutory or local policy demands is amended.
- 4.2. This **Safeguarding Policy** may only be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the voting members present and voting at an AGM or EGM. The notice of any such meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

5. ADOPTION

- 5.1. **This document shall be signed off here under by the current Chair but shall also be circulated to all Committee Members for them to acknowledge. All Committee Members shall abide by the procedures and protocols herein.**

This **SAFEGUARDING POLICY** was adopted by Moseley Forum on: **27th July 2015**
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Signed:.....

Position held: Chair

Date:.....27th November 2024