

Lyra Davidica Policy and Procedure on the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults (updated 30th July 2023)

(This preamble is not part of the Policy. A condition placed upon Lyra Davidica's participation in singing the services at Anglican Cathedrals is that the choir must not only adhere to a particular Cathedral's Safeguarding Policy but that it must also have its own policy. This Policy and Procedure document is designed to fulfil that requirement.)

POLICY

1. Lyra Davidica shall have a Safeguarding Officer, appointed by the committee, who shall be responsible for safeguarding issues surrounding Children and Vulnerable Adults. Any safeguarding concerns should be reported in the first instance to the Safeguarding Officer, who will take such action as they deem appropriate.
2. The committee may also appoint one or more Deputy Safeguarding Officer(s), who will act in the place of the Safeguarding Officer in his/her absence or should a safeguarding concern be raised that relates to the Safeguarding Officer.
3. The committee will make the identity of the Safeguarding Officer and any Deputy Safeguarding Officer(s) available to all members in advance of the event.
4. This policy shall apply to the whole of any Lyra Davidica event, including organised singing, transport organised by the choir, use of accommodation booked by the choir, and any other such organised activity where members are gathered.
5. No fixed period shall be defined for the review of the Safeguarding Policy or Practice: both shall be reviewed as and when a need is identified by the committee.
6. All adults attending any Lyra Davidica event shall agree to any relevant conditions placed on the choir by any third party with which the choir deals.
7. All adults attending any Lyra Davidica event must agree in writing to the conditions of the Lyra Davidica Policy and Procedure on the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

PROCEDURE

8. Children may be invited to attend Lyra Davidica events.
9. In attending any Lyra Davidica event it is the responsibility of any adult who considers themselves to be a Vulnerable Adult to identify themselves as such to the Safeguarding Officer as soon as practicable.
10. During all Lyra Davidica events:
 - (a) Children shall only be permitted to attend and remain when appropriate care by a parent or Responsible Adult is provided. At a minimum, the parent or Responsible Adult shall be in attendance at the same event. The Responsible Adult will be nominated in writing in advance to the Safeguarding Officer by a parent.
 - (b) Vulnerable Adults shall only be permitted to attend and remain when appropriate support is provided by a Responsible Adult. The Responsible Adult will be nominated in writing in advance to the Safeguarding Officer by the Vulnerable Adult.

DEFINITIONS

- The singular is taken to include the plural and vice versa.
- "Children" means all children and young people under the age of 18.
- "Vulnerable Adults" mean Adults who identify themselves as Vulnerable in writing to the Safeguarding Officer, nominating a Responsible Adult. Adults who are unsure whether or not to identify themselves as Vulnerable may wish to use the definition in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 to help guide that decision.
- "Adult" means anyone aged 18 or over.
- "Responsible Adult" means an adult who is not a Vulnerable Adult, and who has agreed to take responsibility for one or more children or Vulnerable Adults.
- "Parent" includes a child's legal guardian where relevant.
- "Safeguarding Officer" includes Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

AGREEMENT

I have read the above and agree to abide by it, and I have no conviction or barring that shows safeguarding concerns

Signed:

Print name:

Date: