

CREATING SAFER SPACE

Safeguarding Training

Foundation Module 2016 Edition

Core List – required attendance

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- Presbyters with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- Deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- Pre-ordination students and probationers
- Lay employees and volunteer workers with pastoral responsibility
- Pastoral visitors
- Anyone working with children in the name of the church
- Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (eg luncheon club for the housebound)
- Church stewards
- Circuit stewards
- Local preachers

Local Preachers should enrol and complete the Foundation Module at the earliest opportunity after receiving a Note to Preach. Both Foundation and Advanced modules must be completed by the end of the second year of training and before their second interview on trial, whichever occurs first.

- Worship leaders

Worship Leaders should enrol and complete the Foundation Module at the earliest opportunity after commencing training. Both Foundation

and Advanced modules must be complete by the end of the second year of training and before their appointment by the Church Council, whichever occurs first.

- Those training for local preaching or worship leading
- Church and circuit safeguarding representatives
- Choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are children or vulnerable adults in the group.
- District staff especially policy committee members, complaints and discipline, mediators
- Core teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions
- Connexional staff with direct safeguarding links e.g. children and youth workers
- Monitoring and Support group members (for safeguarding contracts/Covenant of Care Agreements)
- Young Leaders (ages 16-18)
- Members of the Safeguarding Committee

Warmly invited but not mandatory

- Evangelism/mission enablers
- Leaders of other organisations, working with children or vulnerable adults, who use church premises
- Remaining Choir/music group/drama leaders
- Any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults who are vulnerable within their group.
- Property stewards and other keyholders
- Caretakers
- Church/circuit meeting secretaries
- Church/circuit/district administrators

- Remaining District and connexional staff
- Remaining teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions

Recognition of Church of England Training

The Methodist Church recognises the Church of England Foundation Module (previously called C1) as equivalent and qualifying training to the Foundation Module. Therefore, those who have undertaken that Church of England course will have satisfied attendance requirements listed above in the Methodist Church.

Renewing Training

The requirement to renew training every four years will only apply to the highest level of safeguarding training undertaken by any individual. If the highest level of training is Foundation Module then a repeat of this module will be necessary after four years.

The 2016 Conference decided that the frequency of undertaking Creating Safer Space training should change from five to four years from September 2017 in order to make sure that training content can keep pace with changes in legislation and safeguarding practices.

Link to the conference report:

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-30-Safeguarding.pdf>

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