



Safeguarding News
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The Methodist Church
East Anglia

So we are now very firmly in the midst of "4 years on" from Covid Lockdown 1. What has become very evident to me lately with regard this is that we face the challenge of there being fewer people who are due Safeguarding refresher training, but there is still a need. As such the second half of 2024 is going to take some forward planning to ensure we are getting well attended sessions albeit they may be fewer in frequency. An example of this is that we currently have an Online evening session diarised for 20th May at 7pm. Currently we only have 2 people booked on, so if an evening session is what you are craving and a refresher is needed this year please book on.

Can I encourage everyone to look forward at those people who are due a refresher course in the next 6-9 months, and ensure suitable opportunities to attend are taken particularly, with the online provision as we try to balance morning, afternoon and evening sessions, as one of each kind may only come up once every 3-4 months with the current season we are in so if you see one, seize the moment and book it. We also have plans for Face to Face Advanced Module in the West of the District and the Norfolk coast area in the next 3 months also. The links to the training pages I have placed below to fast track to the booking pages. With best wishes,

Neil

Safeguarding Training booking links

Foundation Training

<https://eangliamethodist.org.uk/safeguarding/training-foundation>

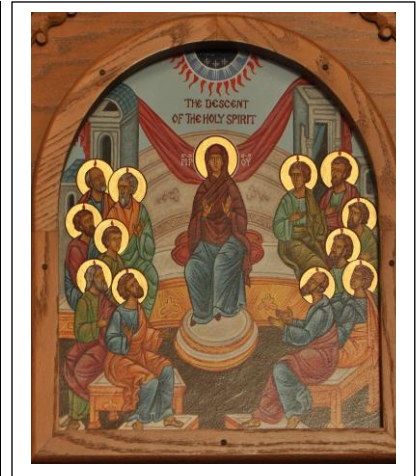
Advanced Training

<https://eangliamethodist.org.uk/safeguarding/training-advanced>

Safeguarding Forum – 13th May from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom

Time is running out to register. Please use the link below

https://zoom.us/join/register/tUUrduChriogG90hK8_AUViz1tZGISVO13I



Survivors Webinar – Tuesday 14th May

There will be many people in our congregations across the UK, still suffering in silence, too scared to speak out at church for fear of being judged or blamed. Some survivors have unfortunately experienced a negative response from churches: being told they are to blame, or that what happened was God testing them, that they should just forgive and forget, or even that they are a liar. Survivors hear those messages and believe them. They don't hear the message of "God loves you" loud and clear enough, perhaps because of shame and guilt, perhaps because of negative experiences, or perhaps because this part of life simply isn't ever raised in our church. So how can we speak out from the pulpit, giving the good news of God to survivors of abuse? How can we respond well to survivors of abuse and offer them support? How can we let them know "God loves you" and "it wasn't your fault"? Please come along to learn more.

When: May 14, 2024 11:00 AM London

Topic: Survivor Awareness: how to talk about and with survivors of abuse. Please click this link to register in advance for this webinar: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MgOAY4YFQuS0CmK42FAKtQ

DBS guidelines for transgender applicants

There can be several obstacles for Transgender applicants who are applying for a DBS. These include applicants not wanting to disclose previous names or genders to an organisation or employer in the process of the application, worries about what name and gender will be displayed on the certificate, and not having accepted identification documents in a person's name if they have recently changed it.

Read the guidance here: [DBS Guidelines for Transgender Applicants](#)

You can also find the guidance on the [Latest Guidance from the DBS - Methodist Church](#) webpage.