

Eden Valley Flix

Child Protection Policy

INTRODUCTION:

This document is the Child Protection Policy for Eden Valley Flix which will be followed by all members of the committee.

The purpose of the organisation is to provide regular, affordable film shows which are accessible to all sections of the local community.

The organisation does not undertake activities with children in the absence of their parents/carers, but has the opportunity to observe the young persons/children's welfare within their family setting. Parents/carers remain responsible for their children's welfare throughout all the work undertaken by the organisation.

We know that being a young person makes them vulnerable to abuse by adults. The purpose of this policy is to make sure that the actions of any adult in the context of the work carried out by the organisation are transparent and safeguard and promote the welfare of all young people.

If any parent or young person/child has any concerns about the conduct of any member of the organisation, this should be raised in the first instance with Cal Pannone, Chair of Eden Valley Flix.

Principles upon which the Child Protection Policy is based.

- The welfare of a child or young person will always be paramount.
- The welfare of families will be promoted.
- The rights, wishes and feelings of children, young people and their families will be respected and listened to.
- Those people in positions of responsibility within the organisation will work in accordance with the interests of children and young people and follow the policy outlined below.
- Those people in positions of responsibility within the organisation will ensure that the same opportunities are available to everyone and that all differences between individuals will be treated with respect.

Eden Valley Flix fully recognises its responsibility for child protection and it is our policy to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm. In order to do so, Eden Valley Flix will endeavour to implement the following:

Named person

- Ensure that there is a nominated member of our management committee to be responsible for child protection.
- Ensure that the designated person is kept up to date regarding child protection issues and that they, in turn, inform all others involved in the management of the club of any changes regarding child protection laws or best practice.
- Ensure that every member of the committee and volunteers know who the designated person is.

Induction for new committee members and volunteers

- Ensure that all committee members and volunteers are given details of the club's Child Protection Policy as part of their induction.
- Ensure that volunteers on duty at a film show understand that children should be accompanied by an adult, and remain that adult's responsibility for the duration of the event.
- That volunteers know who to come to with any concerns they may have about a child's welfare.

Health and Safety

- Ensure that the environment where films will be shown is safe and suitable for purpose and that relevant insurance is in place.
- An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age.
- Young people over the age of 12 causing any disturbance, however minor, that affects the enjoyment of others will be warned that their behaviour is unacceptable and parents will be informed if it continues.

General

- Ensure that all participants are shown films that are appropriate to their age.

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