

Why safeguarding?

- Because we want our meetings to be safe places for everyone
- Because we all deserve it
- To give us confidence that we are creating a safe space
- It's the law / compliance with legislation
- Based on human rights, because bad things happen in unexpected places
- It makes us all responsible
- Part of our Quaker testimony
- To make us able to be more welcoming
- Create space for children to be believed
- To protect children / keep children safe
- Because I was asked by nominations
- Protecting ourselves and our organisation
- Not wanting history to be repeated
- Changing attitudes and increased awareness
- Creating a fairer and more just society
- More child centred
- Systems to limit opportunities for abuse
- Circles of support and accountability
- Helping to resist temptation
- Reputation
- Policy: so you know what to do
- To make a space where people can talk openly
- To ensure everyone has space to enjoy activities
- As a practical demonstration of our love and Quaker witness
- Because everyone is precious and so that they can have a place to blossom
- We would wish to avoid the suffering caused if we do not safeguard – thus omitting safeguarding is not an option.
- So that children can be confident they can relax, be themselves, and be valued in an all age community.
- Abuse brings long-term damage
- We are responsible
- To create a safe space
- Children can feel valued in the community
- Reassurance for parents
- To care for individuals and protect them
- Create environment of empowerment
- Helps enable cultural change
- Framework in place, in case
- Systems to limit problems
- Accountability
- What does love require of us