

Volunteer Declaration

- I agree to participate in voluntary assistance for 'The Noise', which will take place on and during 29th April – 1st May 2017 in Bristol and all locations in connection with the event as initiated by 'The Noise' organisers.
- I understand that The Noise organisers will do their utmost to ensure the safety and security of all delegates and staff members at all times during the event. I agree to comply with any reasonable request given by Noise organisers regarding Health & Safety over the weekend.
- I understand that all activities during this event are carried out at my own risk and accept all responsibility. I agree not to bring any claim against the organisers of The Noise, or churches involved in this event.
- **I understand that although all projects have been assessed, 'The Noise' cannot guarantee that all NOISE Family Team projects are 'child-safe'. Therefore, I am fully responsible for the safety, wellbeing, behaviour and actions of the child or children who are part of my NOISE Family Team, and for assessing which parts of each project are safe and appropriate for each of the children in my care depending on their ages and abilities.**
- I give permission for my child to participate in Community Project work, including gardening, painting, and all other work which is assessed by Noise project leaders.
- I authorise 'The Noise' first aiders to administer emergency care/treatment, as required, to those children in my care, until medical assistance is available.
- I understand that it may be necessary to arrange transport in individual project member's cars, as well as Noise minibuses. Child Protection policies will be adhered to in these situations.
- I give my consent for any member of my Family Team to be filmed and/or photographed and I authorise The Noise organisers to use such film/photographs in presentations. The Noise operates a child protection policy.
- I agree to all my Family Team volunteer details being kept on a database for purposes of The Noise Weekend.

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CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION: 'THE NOISE' – 79th April – 1st May 2016

Dealing with an Allegation

The most important consideration for workers must be to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people with whom they come into contact. Any allegation of abuse must be taken seriously and The Noise Project Leader has a duty to report it to the relevant statutory agencies, in consultation with the Child Protection Co-ordinator (Ian Powell).

Abuse falls into four categories, which can be defined as follows:

Physical Injury: Any injury to a child or young person caused by a family member or other person with responsibility for their care.

Neglect: A failure to meet a child or young person's basic needs for food, warmth, protection and care.

Emotional Abuse: The persistent, severe emotional ill-treatment or rejection that severely affects the emotional and behavioural development of a child or young person.

Sexual Abuse: The use of a child or young person to meet an adult's sexual needs.

If a child or young person begins to tell a worker about abuse it is vital that you do the following:

- Never promise to keep it a secret and not tell anyone.
- Listen carefully but do not ask questions.
- Reassure the child or young person that they have done the right thing by telling someone.
- Pass the information immediately to your Team Leader.
- Write up what has been told as soon as possible using the child or young person's own words to describe the abuse.

The Noise has two separate procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse according to whether:

- 1) The alleged abuse happened / is still possibly happening but NOT on site.
- 2) The allegation of misconduct happened on site.

In both cases **report the situation to your team leader**. They will then report to The Noise Project Leaders. From there the Child Protection Co-ordinator will be involved and The Noise will take up the matter from there. It is important to remember that it is not the responsibility of The Noise to investigate the truth of any allegation. This is the responsibility of the Police, Social Services and the NSPCC.

Please note, **what has been disclosed is very confidential and should only be shared with others on a strictly need-to-know basis**. The first person to be told of the abuse may be asked to provide a statement for the police.

After telling of abuse, a child or young person can be distressed, frightened and worried about what will happen next. They should be reassured that they have done the right thing and not left on their own.

The best interest of the child or young person and the need for the abuse to stop comes before the interests of the organisation or the abuser.