

_____ **(group name) Child Safeguarding Agreement**

This is a statement that demonstrates a commitment to safeguard children involved with _____ (group name) and its activities from harm.

Humanists UK does not provide insurance protection for any activities that involve children under the age of 18 and cannot provide public liability insurance for such events.

Humanists UK strongly recommends that groups that work with children have in place a child protection policy which includes the following elements:

- that the welfare of the child is paramount;
- that all children without exception have the right to protection from abuse regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religion, or beliefs;
- who the policy applies to (i.e. all trustees, staff, and volunteers);
- that children and parents are informed of the policy and procedures as appropriate;
- all concerns, and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously by trustees, staff and volunteers and responded to appropriately - this may require a referral to children's services and in emergencies, the Police;
- that there is a commitment to safe recruitment, selection and vetting;
- references to principles, legislation and guidance that underpin the policy;
- arrangements for policy and procedures review;
- reference to all associated policies and procedures which promote children's safety and welfare e.g. with regards to: health and safety, anti-bullying, protection of children online, and photography.

AGREEMENT

We have a Child Protection Policy in place?: YES/NO (delete as appropriate)

In addition to any existing Child Safeguarding Policy we confirm that _____ (group name) does not engage in any unsupervised activities involving children under the age of 18. Supervision for any activities with children aged under 18 will be provided by a DBS checked (previously known as CRB) individual. The DBS must be recognized by a reputable body, preferably a local council.

All volunteers and members must report any concerns or allegations of abuse to either _____ (group name) children's services or the police. Failures to report can result in legal action.

I, _____ (chairperson) as Chair/President of the _____ (group name) understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions described herein, and will ensure that my group abides by the same.

Signed

Dated