



## Safeguarding Children Young People and Adults at Risk Position Statement

The Canal & River Trust believes that no child, young person or adult at risk should ever experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote their welfare and to keep them safe. We are committed to providing safe environments and working practises that promote and protect the safety and welfare of children, young people and adults at risk at all times.

### **We recognise that:**

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- All children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some children, young people and adults at risk are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- Working in partnership with parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk.

### **We will seek to keep children, young people and adults at risk safe by:**

- Valuing them, listening to them and respecting them
- Appointing a Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and Deputy DSO and establishing a Safeguarding Steering Group headed by the Chief Executive
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding practices through procedures and a code of conduct for colleagues and volunteers
- Providing effective management for colleagues and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures
- Recruiting colleagues and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely and sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children, their families, colleagues and volunteers
- Using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know and involving children, young people, parents, carers and families appropriately
- Using our procedures to manage any allegations about colleagues and volunteers appropriately
- Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring we have a policy and procedures to deal effectively with any bullying that does arise
- Ensuring we have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place

- Ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, adults at risk, colleagues and volunteers by applying health & safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance

From this statement a full safeguarding policy is in place and will be reviewed annually.

The Canal & River Trust operates a zero tolerance approach towards abuse and other harmful behaviour in all our activities. This applies to everyone who receives a service from the Canal & River Trust, forms part of our governance, is employed by us or volunteers their services. We will also encourage those who work on our behalf to demonstrate commitment to Safeguarding. Safeguarding: We all play a part.

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