

The Anglican Church of Luxembourg

Safeguarding / Child Protection Report – 2013

Training

In the past 12 months there has only been **one** training session (June 22nd. 2013). There were 7 participants: 4 guides and 3 Church members. Of the Church members, one was already actively involved with children's activities (Caroline Kafka – Markey) and the other two have not followed up the training. The net result of this is that **no new people** have been recruited to work with the children. Despite the weekly advertising in the pew sheets for new volunteers, none has been forthcoming; hence the lack of training sessions.

The term **CHILD PROTECTION** is now replaced by the word **SAFEGUARDING**. This is an umbrella term to cover the protection of not just children and young people but also vulnerable adults within our congregation. The new rules regarding **Safeguarding** require an enhanced / further security checks involving all current and future volunteers. This new check has yet to be implemented.

I have been wishing for some time to hand over my duties as Child Protection Officer. Unfortunately the person designated to help has been physically incapacitated and therefore unable to take over from me. However, there is another member of our congregation who has expressed an interest in getting involved and I hope she can be recruited in the near future.

Health and Safety

I carried out a "health and safety" check on 06.04.2014. The first-aid kits were in place as was the accident file. (The first-aid kits are now out-of-date and will be replaced shortly). All the fire extinguishers are checked annually (in February). The fire escape doors all opened easily.

I asked the Junior Church teachers and the Crèche helpers on duty if they wished to raise any matters about H + S issues but nothing was mentioned.

I would be willing to lead a "Health and Safety walk" around the Church premises to point out the fire escape routes, the positions of the fire extinguishers, etc. I think this would be very useful for all the church officers and all those working with our children.

Hilary Cole, 9th April, 2014

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