



LONDON YOUTH GAMES FOUNDATION

ONLINE SAFETY POLICY

THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THIS POLICY

London Youth Games aims to use the power of competitive sport to create life-changing opportunities for young Londoners, engaging all 33 borough communities with inclusive participation at all levels and for all abilities. London Youth Games wants all children and young people to have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport in a safe and young person-centred environment.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media, or mobile devices.
- provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety.
- ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

This policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children and young people and anyone involved in London Youth Games' activities.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

This policy has been drawn up based on legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in the UK. The NSPCC provides summaries of the key legislation and guidance on:

- Online abuse – learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/online-abuse
- Bullying – learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying
- Child protection – learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies, procedures, guidance and other related documents. These can be found by visiting <http://www.londonyouthgames.org/about-the-london-youth-games/governance-and-finance/>



WE BELIEVE THAT:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind.
- children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are always kept safe.

WE RECOGNISE THAT:

- the online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however, it can also present risks and challenges.
- we have a duty to ensure that all children, young people and adults involved in our organisation are protected from potential harm online.
- we have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using London Youth Games' network or devices.
- all children, regardless of age, ability or disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies are essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to online safety.

WE WILL SEEK TO KEEP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE BY:

- appointing an online safety coordinator.
- providing clear and specific directions to staff and volunteers on how to behave online through our code of conduct.
- supporting and encouraging the young people using our service to use the internet, social media and mobile phones in a way that keeps them safe and shows respect for others.
- supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online.
- developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child/young person.
- reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly.
- ensuring that usernames, logins, email accounts and passwords are used effectively.
- ensuring personal information about the adults and children who are involved in our organisation is held securely and shared only as appropriate.
- ensuring that images of children and young people are used only after



written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given.

- providing supervision, support and training for staff and volunteers about online safety.
- examining and risk assessing any social media platforms and new technologies before they are used within the organisation.

IF ONLINE ABUSE OCCURS, WE WILL RESPOND TO IT BY:

- having clear and robust safeguarding procedures in place for responding to abuse (including online abuse).
- providing support and training for all staff and volunteers on dealing with all forms of abuse, including bullying/cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and image sharing without consent with intent to cause harm.
- making sure our response takes the needs of the person experiencing abuse, any bystanders, and our organisation as a whole into account.
- reviewing the plan developed to address online abuse at regular intervals, to ensure that any problems have been resolved in the long term.

CONTACT DETAILS

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NSPCC Helpline

Telephone: 0808 800 5000

Online: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

Last review: Feb 2021

Review due: Feb 2022