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Safeguarding Office

**Role: Volunteer Parish Youth Worker**

*(This role is subject to an enhanced DBS with a check against the child workforce with barred list. This role should not be taken up until the volunteer has completed the DBS process and has been formally appointed.)*

**Responsible to:** The Parish Priest or his Delegate

**Aim:** Using social education and spiritual development activities to work with young people from secondary school age upwards.

**Main Responsibilities:**

**(a)**To encourage young people, mainly from the parish community, to become active within the group and community.

**(b)**To maintain appropriate boundaries.

**(c)** To establish a programme of activities which respond to the needs and aspirations of the young people.

**(d)** To contribute, as part of the parish youth work team, to the development of work with young people from the parish, promoting the spiritual, social and fun aspects of Christian living.

**(e)** To assist in the maintenance of administration and the good financial running of the group.

**(f)** To attend the team programme planning and assessment meetings.

**(g)** To enable young people to take up their rightful role in the Christian Community as ministers of change and growth within the Church and World.

**(h)** When necessary, to act as a liaison between young people and the adult parish; to be a voice for their hopes and aspirations.

**(i)** To work with others to ensure that youth work is conducted in accordance with the nationally agreed Safeguarding Procedures.

**Person Specification:**

**(a)** The ability to relate with respect and ease to children and adults and to enjoy working with children.

**(b)** Commitment to the essential teachings of the Catholic Church and the ethos of the parish.

**(c)** Commitment to the physical, spiritual, emotional wellbeing of all children and young people, especially those they will come in contact with.

**(d)** A willingness to give time to the preparation of the sessions and the co-ordination of the group.

**(f)** All volunteers must be over 18 years of age.

**Protection of Children:**

**(a)** To familiarise themselves with National Safeguarding Policies (<http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/national-safeguarding-standards/national-safeguarding-policy/practice-guidance/>)

**(b)** To refer any concerns about a child to the Safeguarding Representative in the Parish and/ or the Safeguarding Office.

**(c)** To have completed the online Educare module(s) as directed by the Safeguarding Office

**Training Requirements:**

**Educare Modules- Essential:**

**Safeguarding Children – to be completed prior to appointment**

**Safeguarding Adults – to be completed prior to appointment**

**Following training to be completed within three months of appointment:**

**Domestic Abuse Children and Young People**

**Online Safety**

**Child Exploitation**

**Suggested additional learning modules:**

**Understanding Anxiety**

**Understanding Low Mood and Depression**

**Understanding Self Harm**

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