

Safeguarding Newsletter

February 2021

Welcome to the February 2021 Regional Safeguarding Newsletter



A week of online events to discern how we can use our gifts from God to serve others in safe and gracious ways.

This issue contains:

- Gifts (Outside the Box)
- Changes to Safeguarding Training Requirements
- Resources
- Article: Jonathan Hustler
- Covid-19: Link
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These events are brought to you by safeguarding teams from across five districts: Darlington, Yorkshire West, Yorkshire North & East, Sheffield and Newcastle.

Take a look at the flyer attached with this newsletter and please share it widely with anyone you think may be interested.

The Gift of Community: Monday 10th May, 7:00-8:30PM

The Gift of Empathy: Tuesday 11th May, 1:30-3:00PM

The Gift of Place: Wednesday 12th May, 10:00-11:30AM

The Gift of Confidence: Thursday 13th May, 7:00-8:30PM

The Gift of Resilience: Friday 14th May, 10:00-11:30AM

The Gift of Togetherness: Saturday 15th May, 10:00-11:30AM

The Gift of Peace: Sunday 16th May, 2:00-3:00PM

Booking details, and more information about the speakers will be announced shortly

Temporary change to Safeguarding Training requirements

Due to the restrictions that have been imposed due to Covid-19, the Methodist Church has agreed that, for all those who have reached the four year point since they last undertook the relevant safeguarding training, the current temporary extension will be extended until 01/06/2021.

A new online version of the Foundation Module will hopefully be available after Easter, and work is at an advanced stage in preparing the materials for the Advanced Module. We also anticipate that the online courses will be retained post-pandemic so that we are able to increase the capacity for offering training in different mediums.

Article: Jonathan Hustler

The Secretary of Conference, Jonathan Hustler, wrote an article for the Methodist Recorder about Safeguarding and the impact of the current IICSA investigation.

The article is attached to the email with this newsletter. Feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested.

Methodist Church Website

[Covid-19 Guidance](#)

It is worth checking this page frequently as it is being updated regularly with new resources and the best new advice.

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Resources

Survivor Resources: A new '[Support for Survivors](#)' Portal has been set up on the Methodist Church Website, highlighting the Church's commitments to survivors, with links to organisations that can help and to the new Survivor Resources. These Resources can be downloaded from the [Survivor Resources](#) page on the website.



Dial-a-Prayer: Free phone lines for prayers, reflections and news from the Methodist Church:
Listen to a prayer: **0808 281 2514**
Listen to a weekly pastoral message from the President and Vice President: **0808 281 2695**
Listen to the Methodist Podcast: **0808 281 2478**

Please share these numbers locally with people who are not online and may feel very isolated and in need of spiritual comfort, especially in the latest lockdown. You can download a print-and-cut-out sheet with details to send to others [here](#).

Bright Sky - Domestic Abuse Support: Bright Sky is a [free app](#) and [webpage](#) that provides support to those in an abusive relationship as well as those who may be worried about someone else. One of its most prominent functions is that it is dual pathway, you have the ability to 'get advice for myself' or 'get advice for someone else'.

Pathways Through Dementia:

[Pathways through Dementia](#) is a charity which provides free legal and financial information to support people living with dementia. They do this through a one-to-one telephone advice line and also through providing organisations with free interactive sessions (including via Zoom). If you are interested in arranging a free session for your District, Circuit or Church, please email swilcox@pathwaysthroughdementia.org or telephone 02034 055940.



ThinkuKnow: [ThinkuKnow](#) have a number of useful resources aimed at improving children's online safety. These include [online safety at home packs](#) and [online safety toolkits](#) which have also been adapted for use on an online learning platform.

Easy Read Safeguarding Adults Resources:

County Durham have produced some resources concerned with safeguarding adults who have a learning disability. The document, with lots of links to other resources, is attached to the email with this newsletter for you to have a look at.

All information contained in this newsletter was correct at the time of writing. Because of the rapidly changing nature of official guidance, however, many of the web pages and resources mentioned are being updated frequently.