

North West Early Music Forum (NWEMF)

### **Policy Statement on Safeguarding (especially Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults)**

Everybody has the right to be safe, no matter who they are or what their circumstances are, and safeguarding is a priority for NWEMF Trustees. Safeguarding goes beyond preventing physical abuse, and includes protecting people from harm generally, including neglect, emotional abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, and the consequences of the misuse of personal data

- As members of NWEMF we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults, we will provide support for them to engage in our activities as appropriate, we will listen to them and respect their wishes and feelings;
- It is the responsibility of each NWEMF member to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse of children, young people or vulnerable adults and to report any abuse discovered or suspected, initially to the Safeguarding Co-ordinator, who will bring the matter to the Trustees. All concerns and/or allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to appropriately;
- We recognise that our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole membership but we will also provide appropriate support and resourcing for any who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults as part of their responsibility to NWEMF, and we are committed to safe recruitment, selection and vetting (including of trustees) where appropriate;
- We are committed to following guidelines and procedures published by HM Government in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, Working together to safeguard children 2015; and other relevant legislation;

As part of our commitment to children and young people, we have appointed David Love to be the Safeguarding Coordinator. This statement was agreed at the Committee Meeting held on: 17 September 2021. It will be reviewed by the Trustees annually, and will be made available to members at every AGM;

Signed David Love

Chair of meeting

Date 17 September 2021