

Invitation to participate in an interactive workshop:

Providing a safe environment for all people Diaconia Academy, Belgická 374/22, Prague, 20 – 21 April 2020

Invitation

Welcome to participate in this workshop, which is for professional workers including pastors working in the church, diaconia or related organisations such as camps or residential centres. Long term voluntary workers are also invited to participate.

It is for all who work with adults, young people or children, including those with disabilities, learning difficulties or other special needs and for those who are responsible for such work. It is not only for people working with people we normally think of as 'at risk' or 'vulnerable'.

Key Theme of the Programme

The workshop aims to ensure that a person who works with people of any age is informed and is able to deal with safeguarding issues correctly and sensitively, preserving the dignity of a person and contributing to building safe environment for all.

It will include the ways to create an open approach which all involved (workers, service users, participants etc.) understand safeguarding and also to create clear processes for any who want to raise an issue related to abuse or mistreatment.

Main Learning Points

- ✓ Introducing what safeguarding and learning what harm and abuse are, from the perspective of safeguarding. Identifying who may be at risk of abuse in different settings.
- ✓ Exploring what to do immediately, when harm is suspected, witnessed or reported.
- ✓ Learning to work on how to respond, if a person at risk or someone else tells you, about harmful situation: creating a step-by-step guide for safeguarding and a learning process for implementation.
- ✓ Building an understanding of harm and abuse from the point of a human rights framework, as a way to preserve dignity of a person and ensure the good practice of the agency, congregation or church.
- ✓ Exploring how a safeguarding policy can be developed and implemented by the church, diaconal and other organisations.
- ✓ Relating safeguarding work to wider standards and responsibilities, including fostering joint work with the police and public services towards public safety.

Methodology

The workshop will blend the sharing of participants' experience with gaining fresh knowledge and practicing new skills. The emphasis will be on a participatory approach to learning.

Course Leadership

The course leader will be Craig John, who is a qualified safeguarding trainer from Sheffield, UK. He has direct experience of the practice of safeguarding in youth and community work. He will be accompanied by Rev Tony Addy, a URC minister who works as Head of Education for interdiac. The URC has a national safeguarding policy

Duration of the Course

The course will start at 09.00 on Monday 20th April and finish at 16.00 on Tuesday 21st April. Participants are expected to be present for the whole time, including a short session on Monday evening, as the whole event will be organised as a learning process.

Financial matters

The **course fee is 3750,00 CZK including** refreshments during the programme. Concerning financial matters, please contact Youth Department of the ECCB at mladez@e-cirkev.cz

Applications

If you wish to participate in the course, please, write a short motivation statement covering the topics:

Briefly describe your current involvement in social, diaconal or pastoral work (max 10 sentences)

Explain why you want to participate in this course. What are your learning goals? How this course will help your practice? (max 15 sentences)

The purpose of this is to enable the team to prepare an appropriate programme and in case the programme is over-subscribed to help with decision making.

NOTES:

1. Course participation is limited to 15 participants to enable all to join the process. Please therefore apply before the closing date!
2. Participants will need a working knowledge of English but there will be a possibility of Czech – English interpretation and the group work can be in Czech.
3. Your motivation statement and application are expected by **30th November 2019** at the latest. Please use this link for your online application:
<https://prihlasky.srcce.cz/akce/226-seminar-prevence>
4. Your participation will be confirmed at the latest by 13th December 2019

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