KILLEARN KIRK

Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adult Policy Statement

At Killearn Kirk we are concerned for the welfare and wellbeing of all who take part in our worship, groups and organisations, especially children. Parents and Guardians and all members of the Kirk should be aware that we fully abide by the Church of Scotland policy on the Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults. This means that all volunteer and paid workers with children's groups and organisations:

- agree to abide by the Church of Scotland Policy on the Protection of Children & Young People;
- provide suitable references and undergo a rigorous recruitment procedure as laid down by the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service;
- are checked by Disclosure Scotland and successfully complete their PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) process;
- receive appropriate and ongoing training.

We the children of Killearn Kirk ask:

- With the assistance of our parents and family to be supported in making choices for and to be involved in the planning of how we worship
- With the assistance of our parents and family to have our voices listened to and considered
- To be recognized as a full part of the Community of the Church
- Not to be shut out or separated from any part of the life of the Church
- To feel safe and welcome around the Church
- To have the significance of our organisations and activities recognised

We the congregation of the Killearn Kirk commit ourselves:

- To find ways of ensuring that children are actively involved in worship both in planning and participation
- To bring alive the significance of the sacraments of baptism and holy communion to all children of the Church
- To create opportunities to hear and act upon the voices of the children in our parish
- To enable children to develop a sense of belonging and community in their Church
- To recognize that children of all ages can possess a strong faith and have ministries to offer the Church
- To be appropriately supportive to these groups which children feel are central to their lives
- To respect and care for all the children of our communities

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