



Safeguarding in Community Groups Newsletter - Spring 2020



Welcome to the winter edition of the newsletter from Wigan Safeguarding Partnership – the first one of 2020!. Here you will find information about useful resources information, advice and news that will help your community group to safeguard the adults and children you support. If you have anything you would like to see in future newsletters, please feel free to contact us via our websites, as always we would welcome your feedback.

Introducing Wigan Safeguarding Partnership

Our new safeguarding arrangements are now fully in place, bringing both Safeguarding Boards under one umbrella as Wigan Safeguarding Partnership. We still retain both Board websites and social media channels. Watch our partners explaining about the changes in our new video available on the Home pages of both the [WSAB](#) and [WSCB](#) websites..

Reflections from National Stalking Awareness Month 2020

Did you know that Stalking was a serious criminal offence? January was the National Stalking Awareness Month. Organised by The Stalking, Prevention and Awareness Centre (known as SPARC), the month of action aimed to help people to recognise and respond to this serious crime. The campaign was widely covered on social media channels, with messages which promoted this specialist organisation's resources for communities and professionals. They provide advice and strategies that victims can use to combat this behaviour. More information can be obtained from the [SPARC](#)



Focus on Harmful Gambling

The theme of gambling and the harm it can do has recently hit the headlines. Traditional gambling venues, such as Bookmakers, still exist. However, the 'digital revolution' has significantly changed the way that people, including children, gamble. Gambling presents itself in many more forms, which are not considered as gambling and are often hidden from view. Wigan Safeguarding Partnership, together with other partners, have created a Harmful Gambling Strategy which aims, among a number of objectives, to work with residents across the life course, to raise awareness of the harmful effects of gambling. More details about harmful gambling can be found [here](#)

Free Online Safeguarding Checklist for Voluntary and Community Sector

The [NSPCC](#) have produced a really useful freely downloadable [safeguarding resource pack](#) which they have developed to help voluntary and community organisations keep children in their care safe. Designed to be used alongside the NSPCC's Safeguarding Standards, the safeguarding self-assessment checklist contains simple questions as well as useful resources that can be used to create a safer culture in your organisation. Subjects covered include recruitment, induction & supervision; protecting children & young people; running safe activities & events & preventing & responding to bullying.



Focus on a Safer Internet for children and young people in February



The 11th February will see Safer Internet Day 2020 celebrated globally. The campaign is an annual event which is organised by The [UK Safer Internet Centre](#). The aim day is to spark productive conversations about using technology responsibly, respectfully, creatively and critically. This year the theme is 'Together for a better Internet'. The celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. More information about how to get involved can be found [here](#). Save the date!

Did You Know You Can Attend Our 'Eyes and Ears' Safeguarding Training?

Wigan Safeguarding Partnership run FREE two hour safeguarding awareness sessions called 'Eyes and Ears' which are aimed at individuals, community groups and residents and are delivered by a Wigan Safeguarding Partnership Trainer. By the end of the course participants will understand the different types of abuse, be able to recognise abuse, know what to do if abuse has occurred and importantly know how to report abuse. There are several session dates (held in local locations) now available to book for sessions taking place this year. Please email wscbtraining@wigan.gov.uk to book or for more information click [here](#).

Check out our online Resources for community groups!

Don't forget to check out Wigan Safeguarding Children Board which has an area on its website just for community groups, it can be found [here](#).

Did you know that Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board has some really useful website links about staying safe and different support that can be found [here](#).

We also have social media channels on Twitter and Facebook!



WSCB Twitter (Children)



WSAB Twitter (Adults)

