



Child Protection Policy

Policy

Newry Chamber Music exists in order to promote the enjoyment and appreciation of chamber music by all members of the public from children to seniors. We do this by presenting concerts throughout the year and from time to time masterclasses and workshops. It is in the masterclass/workshop arena that we are most concerned with protecting and safeguarding any child under the age of 18 with whom our musicians and workshop leaders come into contact.

Newry Chamber Music adopts the stance that it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to safeguard children under the age of 18 whilst in attendance at any Newry Chamber Music concert.

Newry Chamber Music believes that all children without exception have the right to protection from abuse and should be treated with the utmost respect and care regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or beliefs.

The nature of some classical music (in particular Romantic music) is that it represents adult themes. At Newry Chamber Music we encourage our artists to introduce their music and describe the content. We always insure that this is done in a tasteful manner and in a way that causes no embarrassment or offence to any audience member including children. Newry Chamber Music will inform parents in advance where there are adult themes being discussed at a concert.

The use of photography or digital recording at Newry Chamber Music events involving children is prohibited. Where permission is granted to take photographs for publicity purposes, Newry Chamber Music will ask the parents or school to approve of the photograph, before it appears on any publicity material.

Where musicians are working in a masterclass environment with children, Newry Chamber Music requires a parent/guardian to be present. There will not be an occasion where a musician is working on a one to one basis with a child, without a parent/guardian present and/or the Newry Chamber Music Child Protection Officer.

Where musicians are working with a group of children in a school environment, Newry Chamber Music requires a teacher to be present.

Occasionally Newry Chamber Music will send invitations to concerts to GCSE and A Level students in the town. This invite will be sent via the appropriate music teacher who will respond to Newry Chamber Music with a list of students who wish to attend. Students, with the consent of their legal guardian may then join or remain on the Newry Chamber Music email list in order to receive information about future events.

On no occasion will a child receive a personal email from Newry Chamber Music.

Children with the consent of their legal guardian may join Newry Chamber Music's Facebook page to keep up to date with our events.

Newry Chamber Music is committed to promoting young talent from N. Ireland in the form of a Young Artist's Concert. Occasionally participants in this event are under the age of 18. Newry Chamber Music requires a parent/guardian or any responsible adult acting on their behalf to be present at the concert and any group rehearsals that are needed prior to the concert.

Children performing in Newry Chamber Music's events, and their parents, will be advised of the Society's Child Protection Policy, and the Policy will be made available to them in advance. Parents of participating children will be required to be in attendance at the events in question, or to satisfy themselves that their children will be supervised at the events by other responsible adults acting on their behalf.

All members of the board of management and musicians engaged by Newry Chamber Music are made aware of our Child Protection Policy and endorse it.

Newry Chamber Music and it's Board will review this policy every three years.

Newry Chamber Music's Child Protection Officer is Joanne Quigley.



Signed by:

Date: 5/12/2015

Chairperson: