

YOUNG GENERATION CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Young Generation is set up to help and train young people. The safety of the young people whilst in our care is of paramount importance and indeed the public confidence in our ability to look after the young people is essential to our existence. Members of the Young Generation are fully aware of the potential (particularly in the youth theatre training environment) of improper behaviour. To this end, independent registered chaperones will be in place whenever required.

Committee member **NAOMI MORANT** will be the **Designated Person** who will be responsible for dealing with any concerns or allegations of child abuse. It is sometimes necessary for one to one training to take place but this will never be done in isolation. Every endeavour will be made to ensure the physical safety of the children, particularly in the theatre where the potential risks are considerable and wide-ranging. Parental consent is required for photographs of children to be taken and used for publicity purposes. A code of appropriate behaviour when working with children and young people has been adopted by the committee.

The **Designated Person** must be informed of any abuse or suspected abuse or any inappropriate behaviour by any adult or young person and the following facts recorded:

- 1. Name of the child or young person and their address
- 2. Parent(s) or carer(s) details and telephone numbers
- 3. What is said to have happened or what has been seen or heard
- 4. When and where did it happen and who else, if anyone, was there
- 5. What, if any, evidence of abuse can be recorded
- 6. Who was involved in the incident and in what way
- 7. What was said by those involved
- 8. Who has been told about it
- 9. Were the parent(s) or carer(s) informed and if so by whom and when

Any information received by the designated person will be passed on to Cornwall Council's Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) for advice and, if appropriate, further action.

Contact Details:

Naomi Morant *naomimorant.yg@gmail.com* Childline *0800 11 11* NSPCC Child Protection Helpline *0808 800 5000*

Bullying

The YG has zero tolerance for bullying, whether in person or online (cyber bullying). Any member of cast or crew who feels they have been bullied can speak in confidence to a Chaperone or Committee Member. In the case of cyber bullying, we recommend taking screenshots of any conversations/threats/abuse.

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