

Tynemouth Photographic Society

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy (08 04 2019)

Protection Policy

Vulnerable adults are welcome to join TPS, but the written agreement of a parent or guardian is required to comply with best practice. Children and vulnerable adults **must** be accompanied at TPS meetings and activities, by a parent or a person designated by the parent in a written consent form. All members of TPS **must** act appropriately at all times towards children, young people and vulnerable adults in TPS and must protect them from harm.

Guidance

- 1 A child or a vulnerable adult attending TPS meetings and activities **must** be accompanied by a parent/guardian/qualified and registered carer at all times.
- 2 On the first visit to TPS, the parent/guardian/carers must provide an emergency contact telephone number to the Society Secretary (or committee member in his absence) to cover the event of the parent/guardian/carers being taken ill.
- 3 On the first visit to TPS, all carers must present their qualification and registration documents to the Society Secretary (or a committee member in his absence).
- 4 Parents/guardians/carers are totally responsible for their child or vulnerable adult at all times and must not leave them unaccompanied with any other TPS member.
- 5 If a parent/guardian/carers has any concern in respect of the treatment of their child or vulnerable adult by a member of TPS within any Group activity, they must report it verbally, to a committee member immediately at the point of concern. They must then put their concern in writing to the Society Secretary within seven days of reporting the concern verbally. This will then be discussed by the Society committee and appropriate action can be instigated. The complainant will be informed, in writing, of the outcome of the investigation.
- 6 TPS members must demonstrate exemplary behaviour in the presence of children and vulnerable adults and treat them with respect and dignity at all times.

Definitions

- The Children Act 1989 defines a **child** as “a person under the age of 18”

This could therefore include:

Any persons under the age of 18 participating in the Society’s activities.

- A **vulnerable adult** is a person aged 18 years or over who may be unable to take care of themselves; protect themselves from harm; or prevent themselves from being exploited.

An adult may be vulnerable because they:

- a) Have a physical disability;
- b) Have learning difficulties;
- c) Have mental health problems;
- d) Are old, frail or ill; or
- e) Are sometimes unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves without help.

A person may also be vulnerable because of a temporary illness or difficulty.

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Key Principles

- Children and Vulnerable Adults have a fundamental right to be protected from harm.
- The protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults is a shared community responsibility.
- The abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults is a clear infringement of human rights and in many cases may be a criminal offence.

Signed

President

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

HDW 09 04 2019

Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Tynemouth Photographic Society Consent Form

Tynemouth Photographic Society welcomes vulnerable adults as members of the Society. We encourage them to develop their photographic and associated skills and

take part in the Society's activities. In the interests of vulnerable adult protection, we need a parent or guardian to consent formally to that person joining, by signing this form.

As the parent / guardian / carer of _____ aged ___ years, I consent to his / her membership of Tynemouth Photographic Society.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print your full name _____
Parent / Guardian /Carer (delete as appropriate)

Please sign the following: -

The above person is a vulnerable adult and I agree to accompany him / her to the Society's meetings or to arrange for an adult designated by me to accompany him / her.

Signed _____ Date _____