



Safeguarding News
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The **Methodist Church**
East Anglia

Well, since the last newsletter we have had a record breaking month of February rain so I hope first and foremost everyone is well, and has not been impacted by this too much.

I am looking forward to attending my first Methodist Safeguarding Conference in a couple of weeks. There are some very interesting topics being discussed and I will bring back any pertinent information to you all this time next month. I would also like to say a big thanks to all of the Trainers across the District that assist with Safeguarding training. We are very fortunate to have so many willing people that embrace this area of work, and the pool of trainers continues to grow. This has allowed for us for the first time ever I believe to have the resilience to cater for both an Online Foundation Module course and a Face to Face one at the same time on Saturday 13th April. If you have a need within your circuit for training please contact me or your Circuit Safeguarding Officer and we will endeavour to provide something local to you if need suffices. Online courses will continue to be regularly rolled out to facilitate this convenient way of training.

With best wishes,

Neil

DBS and Training

Please keep a track of your DBS renewals (every 5 years) and training needs (every 4 years). DBS applications are processed very quickly now and should be completed before anyone STARTS in a new role or responsibility.

Please remember that the online Advanced Module is available. It is flexible for you to dip in and out of the learning modules in your own time and yet still has the benefits of a Gathered session at the end on Zoom.



Living well with difference: reconciliation and mediation team

Is your congregation or circuit facing a time of change, tension or conflict? We are here to help.

Representing the diversity of the Church, our practitioners are here to help others approach disagreements and conflicts in more positive, transformational ways, enabling communities to live well with difference.

The reconciliation and mediation team is offering mediation at no cost in the following Districts: Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire; Bolton and Rochdale; Cumbria; Chester and Stoke; East Anglia; Isle of Man; Lancashire; Liverpool; Lincolnshire; London; Manchester and Stockport; Northampton; Nottingham and Derby

To find out more email [Katie Bradley](mailto:Katie.Bradley@methodist.org.uk), Methodist Way of Peace Programme Manager.

3Generate

3Generate is a unique space for children and young people to develop their faith and to have their voices heard for what they want the Church and society to be like. At 3Generate young people are invited to listen to God, each other and the world, while being supported to discern what they hear.

Volunteering for 3Generate was launched on Monday 12th February There are plenty of different ways to join the team and help make the event happen.

[Here's](#) Jude sharing why volunteering matters.

Check [here](#) for further information.

Don't forget to visit the [Safeguarding pages](#) of the District website for training dates and further information.