

It feels amazing to be writing a newsletter with the sun on my back as Spring kicks in. This months newsletter is very much centred around training requirements. I thank all of those Circuits who have really embraced on taken on responsibility for Foundation Module Safeguarding training as we start this change. As a result of this and also the fact the my Learning Network colleagues, Sarah Young and I have diarised a number of Advanced Module courses the provision for training across this summer is large. I cant list all the courses on this newsletter, but please use the link to the [District Safeguarding](#) training pages where you will find the list. It is important to remember that safeguarding training at the highest level you hold must be refreshed **every 4 years**. This is a policed requirement to remain compliant and in roles. Thankyou for all you do

Best wishes

*Neil*

## Foundation Module Train The Trainers Course - **Thankyou**

Huge thanks to Jenna and Seb from the Learning Network who facilitated this course last month, and huge thanks to those people that attended to become Safeguarding trainers. With the success of this initial course we now plan to run another in the East of the District later in the year. If you are in a Circuit that doesn't have a trainer or only has one please give some consideration to who might be able to and willing to step into this invaluable role. If you/they contact me via [vanhollandn@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:vanhollandn@methodistchurch.org.uk) and I will add to waiting list.

## Role requirements for training

One question I get asked a lot is "What level of training is required for what role?". Quite often I will signpost people to another appendix document from Policy that lists this, so what I thought would be helpful this month is to make this new updated appendix available to you all via the document below.

[What level of safeguarding training is needed - April 2026.pdf](#)

It is important to also read the comments next to each role for some bespoke requirements. For example, the Local Preacher and Worship Leader roles where it stipulates both courses must be completed before full appointment by Church Council and/or by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training.

The Safeguarding Training Webpages have been updated and simplified in two other ways.

1. The Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church now have a reciprocal agreement to recognise each other's core training modules, in addition to the long-standing agreement that we already have with the Church of England.

2. The Foundation Module 2024 materials are available as online-only training. Access is via a link sent to Church and Circuit trainers, to enable them to keep track of those completing the online materials. Please note. This Online only course should only be completed if an individual is refreshing the course, and they must update and provide the certificate to [Sarah Young](#) – Safeguarding Training Administrator and the person in their Church or Circuit responsible for collating training. [Training - The Methodist Church](#)