



Child Protection Statement

- Gay and Lesbian across Down is committed to safeguarding the well-being of all of the members of the group.
- Gay and Lesbian across Down recognises that children and young people have rights as individuals and should be treated with respect.
- Gay and Lesbian across Down acknowledges that all children and young people are vulnerable, and strives to aim for best practice in the area of child protection.
- Gay and Lesbian across Down, as a group, operates through volunteers giving of their time. These volunteers should not be put into a position where their position may be compromised, or their reputations harmed.
- Gay and Lesbian across Down recognises that all volunteers have a duty to safeguard the interests of the young people who attend meetings organised by the group.
- It is the policy of Gay and Lesbian across Down that under 18s are welcome to attend our meetings and events, but to safeguard both their, and Volunteers', best interests and safety, under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Gay and Lesbian across Down meetings and events are therefore not open to unaccompanied under 18s. Volunteers have the right to ask for proof of age.