

SAFEGUARDING

STATEMENT

GDCS do not provide specific services for children, we recognize however, that children may be present at our events on occasions but that they will be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult already know to them. We will never act in *loco parentis*. Similarly, GDCS does not offer services for vulnerable adults but we are aware that some of our members are elderly and that we have a duty of care to ensure that our activities are safe and that venues we select are accessible for all people, wherever possible.

As a charity, it is important for GDCS to be able to publicise its events in print and on-line. This means that **photographs will often be taken by members of the GDCS committee or others acting on behalf of the committee**. Where photos are likely to be taken, notification will be made to that affect. Should anyone not wish to be included in photographs, they will have the right to say so GDCS will comply with their wishes. It should be noted that others not acting directly under the instruction of GDCS may also be taking photos and that GDCS cannot take any responsibility for such photos

GDCS aims to:

- foster a culture of mutual respect in everything we do
- ensure that anyone who engages with us (as a volunteer, employee, member, guest or other stakeholder), is not put in a position of risk regarding perceived or actual safeguarding breach
- address valid concerns to the best of our endeavours

GDCS commits to:

- ensuring the safety of all volunteers and attendees to our events and activities
- expecting its volunteers, and anyone working with us, to accept responsibility for supporting this ethos and to work with us to bring it about in practice

Reviews / dates: