

Code of Conduct for Young People **YOUNG DEAF ACTIVITIES**

Young Deaf Activities (YDA) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, helpers, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of Young Deaf Activities.

Clubs for young people should offer a positive experience where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a member of YDA, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Be supportive and committed to other members, offer comfort when required.
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into doing something they do not want to do.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the activities area.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the Manager and YDA staff.
- Take care of equipment owned by the club.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Pay entrance fees promptly.
- NOT smoke on club premises or on trips.
- NOT consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or on trips.
- Respect other youth members
- Keep themselves safe.

- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations (ie bullying) to the Manager or any member of staff.
- Be fair and trustworthy.
- Respect staff and accept decisions.
- Show appropriate loyalty.
- NOT use violence.
- Make the club a **fun** place to be.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed and reported verbally to the Manager. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the youth club. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Signature of Young Person _____

Printed name Young person _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Printed name of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: _____