

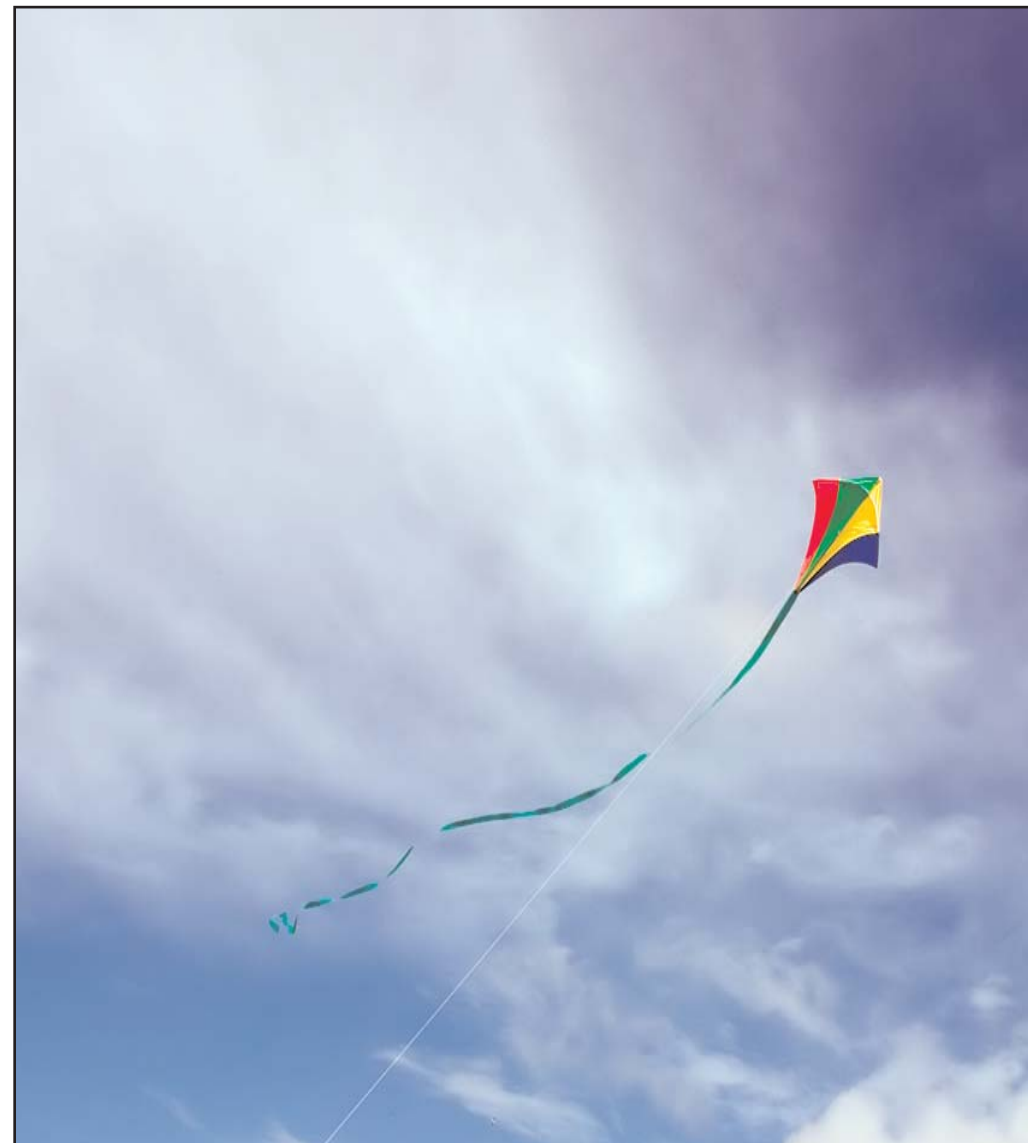


Link Events, which include peer support groups, seminars and training days, are designed to provide informal opportunities to meet, share and learn.

'The trainer was very knowledgeable, engaging and responsive to our questions...'

'Clear, focused and appropriate to the needs of the sector...'

'A very good trainer; very engaging...'



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Safety Audit: **Children and Vulnerable Groups**

a training event for national umbrella bodies



Safety Audit: Children and Vulnerable Groups

This day aims to ensure that the children and vulnerable groups, staff and volunteers engaged in the arts through your organisation are as safe as they can be. The message is how to manage the demands of legislation to meet the particular needs of your organisation.

Topics will include:

- the laws and their guidelines;
- the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA);
- ISA checks and CRB disclosures;
- the practicalities of interacting with children;
- your environment;
- the requirements of your public;
- freelancers, facilitators and volunteers;
- examining job descriptions and remits;
- what to do in case of a problem;
- producing your policy and your guidelines.

All topics are subject to change.

Course leader

Liz Whitehead

Liz has provided Child Protection workshops for over 500 groups in the arts across the UK and in the ROI since 2003. She has provided national training days for GEM and MLA, alongside other consultancies for schools, health and arts organisations, local authorities and trusts.

Who can attend?

The event is aimed at national voluntary arts umbrella bodies, but is relevant to anyone involved in voluntary arts provision (voluntary arts organisations, local authority arts officers, Arts Council staff, policy makers, consultants etc).

Places will be limited to 16 to allow the trainer to provide individual attention.

This event will be followed up with an active discussion group, hosted by social networking website Facebook. For more information and links to the group, visit the Voluntary Arts Network Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6562320932

When and Where?

24 September 2009 - 11.00am to 4.30pm
Friends of the Earth
The Warehouse
54-57 Allison Street
Digbeth
Birmingham B5 5TH

Please note:

Lunch is not provided, but Friends of the Earth has its own in-house cafe, serving the tastiest home made speciality dishes at affordable prices. See www.thewarehousecafe.com for menus.

How much?

Just **£65** per session.

Booking form (CP05)

Please return the completed form with payment to:

Voluntary Arts Network
121 Cathedral Road
Cardiff CF11 9PH

Please make cheques payable to Voluntary Arts Network. For additional attendees, please photocopy this form.

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

In order to help the trainer create the right level of material for the event please tick whichever of the following is right for you:

- The topic of this event is totally new to me
- I have some basic knowledge but feel it's still quite new to me
- I am quite knowledgeable but would like to refresh and increase my knowledge
- I am very knowledgeable about this topic

Payment enclosed:

Please invoice me: A £5 admin charge will be added for this service.

Any individual requirements we should know about? (e.g. access?)

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Maps and directions at:
www.voluntaryarts.org/linkevents

All information is subject to change.
For latest details, please check the VAN website.
For more information, phone **02920 395395**.

