

Child Protection Policy

The Devon Guild of Craftsmen has a legal and moral responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children taking part in Devon Guild educational activities.

It has a responsibility to follow good practice and has therefore become a 'Registered Body' able to use Devon County Council as an 'Umbrella Body' for the purpose of checking criminal records.

Guild Members and other artists and makers who undertake Big Hand, Little Hand projects in Devon schools can use the Devon Guild as the organisation through which to apply for a 'Disclosure'. We advise all Big Hand, Little Hand artists and anyone else that we recommend to a school or community education project, to ensure they are in possession of a current Disclosure. Anyone working on their own with children must be in possession of a current CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check.

Guild Members who regularly run workshops for children (and or adults) may also use the Devon Guild to apply for a Disclosure.

The Disclosure service enables organisations to make more thorough recruitment checks, particularly for positions that involve regular contact with children and vulnerable adults.

The Disclosure service provides a regulated 'one stop' service for England and Wales offering access to records held by the police, together with those held by the Department of Health (DH) and the Department for Education and Skills (DfES).

The Devon Guild of Craftsmen is committed to providing high quality educational projects for children which are planned, carried out and evaluated in accordance with good practice and with quality of learning and safety of participating children as the first priorities.