

## **Southern Summer School/Senior Conference**

### **How we aim to keep young people safe**

#### **Before the event**

- Volunteer recruitment and selection process is robust
- A robust Child Protection Policy, developed with guidance from the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, is in place (downloadable from [www.fsse.org.uk](http://www.fsse.org.uk))
- All volunteer helpers are CRB checked
- Volunteers attend a child protection training session before the events. They attend another on the first day of the event, prior to the arrival of participants
- All young people are required to sign a boundaries agreement
- All parents are required to complete a comprehensive medical form, adapted from good practice guidelines developed by the Children & Young Peoples' staff team at Friends House

#### **At the event**

- Each event has a Child Protection Coordinator
- High staff/participant ration (Summer School: 3:1, Senior Conference 7:1)
- The week follows a detailed timetabled programme. The young people spend most of their time in groups of 6-8. At Summer School, each group has two adult facilitators
- Young people are made aware of what to do if they feel emotionally or physically unsafe
- Young people discuss & explore boundaries, hopes and fears at their first base group session
- Adult volunteers check that everyone is present at group sessions
- Sleeping areas are single sex at all times
- During free time, at least two adults are on duty and check grounds and buildings
- Young people are not allowed off site except on the organised trips, and must remain with their group (minimum group size is three young people)