



Safeguarding Position Statement

Pinion Institute is committed to responsible participation, appropriate boundaries and the safety and wellbeing of those who engage with its activities.

At the present stage of its development, **membership of Pinion Institute is restricted to persons aged 18 years and over**. The Institute does not presently operate membership, programmes or services specifically for children or young people.

The publication or provision of books, educational materials or other resources that may be suitable for children does not, by itself, constitute child membership or direct child participation in the Institute.

Pinion Institute does not presently provide child care, youth supervision, tutoring, youth mentoring, child-specific online community spaces or other services in which the Institute assumes responsibility for the supervision or ongoing participation of children.

If Pinion Institute proposes to introduce any activity, programme or service specifically for children or young people in the future, the relevant safeguarding, child-safe, Blue Card, reporting and other legal requirements will be reviewed and implemented **before that activity commences**.

Any child-safety or safeguarding concern that nevertheless comes to the attention of Pinion Institute will be treated seriously. Where the nature of a concern requires action under applicable law, referral to an appropriate authority, or other protective measures, the Institute will respond accordingly.

Nothing in this Statement limits any legal obligation to report, refer or otherwise act in relation to a child-safety concern.

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