

CityCoast Church Statement on Safeguarding (June 2017)

- CityCoast Church is committed to the nurturing, protection and safeguarding of children and young people.
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We recognise that children and young people are part of the church and have much to give as well as to receive. We listen to them.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether paid or volunteer.
- We are committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people.
- We accept that it is the responsibility of every adult in the church to ensure that CityCoast Church is a safe environment, free from physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected following the church's Child Protection Policy.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people, we have appointed Ruth Lewis as Child Protection Co-ordinator and Yolanda Clay as Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinator. Their role is to advise those working with children and young people, and to liaise with appropriate external organisations and authorities where necessary.
- Each person who works with children and young people, whether as a paid worker or volunteer, must confirm their acceptance of the church's Child Protection Policy and agree to work within the relevant codes of practice for work with children and young people.
- A copy of the Child Protection Policy is available for inspection at CityCoast Centre. The policy is based on the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) model policy (see www.ccpas.co.uk).
- To make contact with us about any safeguarding related issue please contact Ruth in the first instance (07795484011, ruth@citycoast.church) or Yo if she isn't available (07825381160).