

Specialist safeguarding training for designated lead (formerly level 3) PM session with Kevin O'Donnell

Venue:	EC, 17-21, Boulton House, Chorlton Street, Manchester, M1 3HY
Date:	Wednesday 18 April 2018
Timings:	Registration from: 13:40 start time: 14:00 end time (approx.): 17:30
Price:	Members £75, non-members £120
Format:	Interactive session that involves all participants

Why attend this training day?

The Accreditation UK Scheme requires every member organisation to have sufficient staff trained as Designated Safeguarding Leads so there is 24x7 cover. At least one of these should be from the organisation's SMT so that responsibility for safeguarding is understood from the very top. The DSL takes the main role in the organisation's safeguarding provision. This training is tailored for ELT; whether your centre is for juniors only or is a year-round adult school that takes some 16 and 17 year olds. Using practical exercises, including ELT case studies, trainees will better understand the types of safeguarding issues they may face and how to deal with them. A key element of this half-day course is knowing how local authorities operate and their relationship to language schools.

The new Accreditation UK handbook, covering inspections 2018-19 is due for release in Autumn 2017. Sessions occurring after its release will include discussion and explanation of any changes affecting safeguarding. Participants need to have completed basic awareness training (formerly Level 1) and ideally also advanced safeguarding training for designated staff (formerly Level 2). Safeguarding legislation and terminology differs in each of the countries of the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland). The focus of the training will be on legislation and terminology in England. Delegates from Scotland are advised that safeguarding provision there differs substantially and separate training is available from English UK.

What does it cover?

- Overview of responsibilities
- Managing the team of designated staff with safeguarding responsibilities
- Training – for all adults associated with your under 18s
- Managing an allegation or child protection incident, including contact with relevant local authorities
- Understanding the thresholds for referral and the needs of vulnerable children
- Prevent requirements against terrorism (for all ages)
- Maintaining a safer school – ongoing development of better safeguarding practices
- Application of safeguarding to your situation

Learning outcomes

- Improved understanding of the DSL role
- Practical suggestions on how to meet responsibilities successfully
- Help to solve any specific problems, relevant handouts in hard copy and email follow up
- Certificate stating you have been trained in Specialist Safeguarding for the Designated Lead

About the trainer



Kevin O'Donnell is a freelance trainer who has managed year round ELT schools for adults and juniors and multiple summer centres. He is a member of the British Council ASAC and a welfare officer at a London-based rowing club. Kevin specialises in safeguarding and audit compliance. He aims to provide positive and interactive training sessions.

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