



Brass Bands England presents:

# EFDSS 'FolkSafe' Launch Webinar

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## Who are Brass Bands England (BBE)?

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Brass Bands England (BBE) promotes, represents and supports brass bands across the country.

We are a voice for our bands and our players and we shout about the life-enhancing benefits of this vital part of our culture.

We're one of Arts Council England's Sector Support Organisations. As part of this we provide support to bands, and the wider music and arts sector.

We work with a wide range of partners in both strategic and informal ways:

- Making Music
- Brass In Concert
- UniBrass
- National Coal Mining Museum
- EFDSS

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## Safeguarding: How does it apply to me?

Safeguarding applies to everyone. If you work with children or adults at risk, you have a legal duty to safeguard yourself and others.

In the last 60 years, several pieces of safeguarding legislation have been produced and implemented.

Significant increase in legislative development since 2005, particularly within adult safeguarding.

Current legislation includes:

- Sexual Offences Act (2003)
- Children Act (2004)
- Mental Capacity Act (2005)
- Protection Of Freedoms Act (2012)
- Care Act (2014)
- Data Protection Act (2018) & GDPR

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## Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018

In relation to voluntary organisations; ‘like other organisations who are working with children, they should have appropriate arrangements in place to safeguard and protect children from harm.’

- ‘All practitioners working in these organisations, who are working with children and their families, are subject to the same safeguarding responsibilities, whether paid or a volunteer.’
- ‘Every organisation should have policies in place to safeguard and protect children from harm. These should be followed and systems should be in place to ensure compliance in this. Individual practitioners, whether paid or a volunteer, should be aware of their responsibilities for safeguarding and protecting children from harm, how they should respond to child protection concerns and how to make a referral to local authority children’s social care or the police if necessary.’

## BandSafe

Brass Bands England's (BBE) comprehensive NSPCC - approved BandSafe programme is an industry leading selection of tools, training and resources to help people manage their band, group or organisation in a way that safeguards all members from harm and the group from possible reputational damage, whilst creating a healthy, positive atmosphere for all.

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## EFDSS 'FolkSafe'

BBE is happy to be working in partnership with EFDSS to tailor BandSafe for the folk sector (under the banner 'FolkSafe'), enabling EFDSS members to access BandSafe for the same discounted rate as BBE members.

Aim to ensure that everyone in the folk sector, whose work involves children or adults at risk in any way, understands their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and has the support and guidance to put good practice into action – this includes groups, venues, organisations, clubs, festivals, and individual artists, educators, and callers.

The informal, multigenerational music-making brass banding community has much in common with folk music and dance groups which makes this excellent programme potentially relevant to many EFDSS members.

Due to this partnership, EFDSS members living in the UK are now able to access BandSafe for the same discounted rate as BBE members.

## What's included?

FolkSafe membership includes full access to:

- BandSafe Toolkit – A comprehensive tool for step-by-step policy writing.
- BandSafe safeguarding training – Online training for all safeguarding/welfare roles, including managers and committee leaders.
- DBS checks – FREE of charge for BBE and EFDSS FolkSafe members \*
- Body Of Persons Approval (BOPA) – for groups (not individual members) to have their youth performances covered under Child Performance Licensing regulations by the BBE BOPA (if they fulfil all the requirements).
- Ongoing advice on safeguarding and child performance licensing issues.

\* DBS Charges apply for professional roles - £40 per DBS check.

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## How do I access FolkSafe?

To access the full FolkSafe programme (including resources and safeguarding support) at the discounted rate you will need to:

- Be a current member of EFDSS.
- Create an online account, if you do not already have one, and make sure that your membership is connected to it.
- Log into your account and access the Member Benefits section at [efdss.org/my-membership](https://efdss.org/my-membership).
- Follow the instructions there from Brass Bands England about signing up to the BandSafe programme and purchasing relevant training and DBS checks.





## Next steps...

To find out more about BandSafe and register for training courses:

Visit:

[www.bbe.org.uk/BandSafe](http://www.bbe.org.uk/BandSafe)

Email:

[safeguarding@bbe.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bbe.org.uk)

Or contact EFDSS for further support and guidance.

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