



Child-Safe Consultancy Services

Child-Safe offers independent consultancy, combined with specialist child protection expertise, informed by up-to-date research and practice tailored to the needs of the youth travel sector.

We offer a range of skills, knowledge and experience to help organisations in this sector develop, evaluate or review their safeguarding policies, procedures and guidance, as well as their approach to welfare, safety, pastoral care and protection of children and young people.

We are endorsed and supported by the Home Office, Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO), UK Borders Agency (UKBA), United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) and others.

Our services aim to ensure;

- organisations which provide services or activities for children and young people are able to minimise any risk of harm to young people in their care.
- organisations understand their role and responsibilities in safeguarding children and young people involved in youth travel and that they have in place policies and procedures to enable them if necessary, to take appropriate actions to address any concerns about the welfare of children or young people.

Our services are:

- independent
- confidential
- child-centred
- underpinned by on-going research and sector specific research
- relevant and bespoke for the youth travel sector for organisations providing services to vulnerable groups, as well as young people

Who can benefit from our services?

State and independent schools, colleges / universities
Voluntary community sector & charitable organisations

*Thanks for your excellent contribution on the vetting and Barring Scheme at the Visit Britain conference.
(5 October 2009)*

Emma English
BETA UK
www.betauk.com



Private & commercial organisations in the youth travel sector including

Hosting Organisations (host families)

Language schools

Educational & Cultural Youth

Tours/Programmes (for both UK inbound/outbound & non UK inbound)

Guardianship Organisations

Local Co-ordinators/Tour Directors & Guides

Commercial Youth Travel Membership Associations

Statutory and non-statutory bodies

Law Enforcement Agencies,

Local Authorities,

Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB),

Children's Services

Local Authority Designated Officers (LADO)

We have been working together with Chris Gould from Child-Safe International for just over a year now. Our regular meetings have been invaluable in making us aware of and helping us to understand the issues surrounding child safety and protection in a residential summer school context such as ours. Chris' wealth of experience in this area, which he is able to impart in a very targeted manner relevant to our needs, has been instrumental in the development of our policies and procedures. Equally important, has been Chris' help in interpreting new government legislation in the sector and understanding its implications for our business model.

We look forward to continuing our excellent cooperation with Child-Safe International

Tony Evans

Language for Life.com

Vacation Courses at Clifton College Bristol


Anglophiles Academic has been in operation for just over 36 years. Some 5+ years ago we decided to become a full member of BETA (British Educational Travel Association) . Thanks to our link with BETA they introduced us to Chris Gould from Child-Safe International. I can honestly say that as part of the educational student travel sector our introduction to Chris has been invaluable. I have attended many seminars that Chris has headed and was so impressed with his presentation and delivery of the information he was giving that I asked him to come into Anglophiles London offices on a few different occasions to share his knowledge (which is second to none) on child safety issues and new laws that are being implemented to protect and ensure the safety of children. This is crucial for an organization such as Anglophiles and Chris seems to always have his "finger on the pulse" as to what new laws are coming into play. In addition to the above, Chris has also advised us on how to simply but affectively put safeguards into place.

I can honestly say that since Chris Gould has visited with Anglophiles Academic that we have become more knowledgeable on what we should and must be doing in order to operate within UK law and also gone to other steps to ensure that we go even further by introducing our own set of standards in addition to the ones set by the Government.

Thank you Chris for shedding light on what can at times be very confusing and complicated.

Jean-Philippe Managing Director of ANGLOPHILES ACADEMIC
www.anglophiles.com





Child-Safe works with many national and international voluntary groups, charities, private and commercial companies to help them to recognise and meet their responsibilities to safeguard all children. Our advice is based on current research, victim and survivor information and offender profiling.

Our services include

Key Note Presentations

- To provide an overview of safeguarding and legislative requirements for bespoke for youth travel sector
- Overview of Child-Safe charity work and research findings

Consultancy

- To help develop an organisational safeguarding strategy and implementation plan
- To help develop child protection policies, procedures and codes of good practice
- To provide advice on safe recruitment and selection of paid staff and volunteers

Audit/ Review

Provide audit/review of existing safeguarding and child protection practices and procedures leading to a report with recommendations rated according to priority.

CRB Audits for schools and other organisations
Safeguarding/child protection policies and procedures
Visas

Chris Gould has worked with project officers and youth leaders from around Europe to deliver training in child and young person protection. His expertise and experience mean that he brings a unique perspective to this training. This has been recognised in the Youth in Action Programme of the European Union. He has contributed to guidelines for young person protection for the Programme and also the development of training materials. Chris is an effective and powerful communicator who commands attention from his audience.

Des Burke
Leargas, Ireland
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I would like to let you know how useful Chris Gould has been to us at Sidcot School in developing both our Child Protection Policy and our CRB procedures.

Chris approached the audit we asked him to complete with great efficiency and knowledge. The result has been that as a school we feel much more confident about our procedures and consequently that our children are much better protected.

Chris's professional and highly skilled approach has enabled put to put in place procedures that are extremely useful to share with other schools.

John Walmsley
Head Teacher
Sidcot Independent School



Training

Child Protection Awareness
Child Protection Training
Safer recruitment policies
Safe host family recruitment
Local co-ordinator training

Workshops/ Seminars

Risk Assessment workshops
ISA Vetting and Barring implementation
and strategy planning
Raise awareness and incidence of abuse and
offender behaviour
Safer host family recruitment

Chris Gould and Child Safe International have had a huge impact on the work of EIL Intercultural Learning and I believe our exchange participants are considerably safer as a result. Chris has provided expert input on child protection and risk assessment issues for EIL conferences and training workshops in Ireland, Italy and Morocco. His inputs are always engaging, practical and dynamic. The Child Safe International workshops are always participative and Chris has an ability to help participants work through very complicated and challenging issues. I believe any organisation seriously interested in safety on exchange programmes can benefit from a workshop run by Chris Gould and Child Safe International.

Kevin Hickey
Director EIL Intercultural Learning
President National Youth Council of Ireland 2002 - 2004
President Federation EIL 1999 - 2002 and 2005 - 2007

For more information about how we can help your organisation or to discuss prices of our services please contact Chris Gould or Foeleen Smith.

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Big 'thank' to Child-Safe

I was a Thai exchange student in the UK on a cultural/language exchange programme. At first I could not imagine how hard the life in Britain would be; having to deal with the mistreatment by the student exchange organisation itself concerning the host family - insufficient food, improper place of accommodation and study, and mind-torturing attitudes - followed by series of 'swear words', 'taunting body language', and even 'false allegations'. The student exchange organisation had intentionally turned a blind eye to investigate the matter to solve the problems, and yet refused to follow the student's handbook that they themselves gave the students prior to the students' departure from their home countries. Instead, they tried very hard to send me back to Thailand.

After being upset, and depressed by the situation, I have sought help from the internet, sending emails to all the organisations I could find, and eventually phoned 'Child-Safe'. As soon as Mr. Chris Gould answered the phone, I told him what I have been through. He has made great attempt to do his best to help me fight the obstacles. He even phoned the chief executive of student exchange organisation himself to put on them in order to get things resolved.

He has successfully brought me back the peace at last when I was moved into another host family, after having to fight injustice alone for almost 3 months. I have asked Child-Safe for help. I feel like owing Child-Safe and Mr. Gould so much indeed for helping me to encounter one of the worst situations in my life. I considered myself very lucky to have got help in time. Not only had 'Child-Safe' brought me back the justice, but also introduced practical advice to the language school about the safety, welfare and pastoral care of students involved in such exchange student programmes.

I really have to say 'Thank you' very much to 'Child-Safe' especially, to Mr. Chris Gould. Without 'Child-Safe or Mr. Gould' I would have been sent home for very unfair reasons.

International Student
From Thailand in the UK (2007-2008)



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