

Faith and child safeguarding

Between 8-11 November 2021, faith-based organisations worldwide will gather at the [Faith and child safeguarding](#) global summit, which provides a platform for religious institutions, faith-based organisations, academics, and world leaders to come together, exchange insights, experiences, challenges and best practices on child safeguarding in religious and faith-based contexts.

This event is FREE to all organisations and individuals that work with, or for children in faith communities and organisations.

Our speakers will cover the most relevant and pressing issues in relation to faith and child safeguarding, covering the KCS international child safeguarding standards: **Policy, People Procedures and Accountability.**

Why this summit?

Every day, in every country, committed individuals motivated by their faith deliver desperately needed services to children across the world. Faith-based organisations are at the forefront of providing health, education and protection programmes, responding to the global pandemic and ensuring some of the world's most at risk children and young people have enough to eat and a safe home. The extreme imbalance in power between staff in such organisations and the children they are trusted to serve, means that robust child safeguarding systems must be in place to protect children from exploitation and abuse.

Objectives

The **Faith and child safeguarding** summit aims to better protect children from harm by:

- **Engaging** faith-based organisations and networks across the world on child safeguarding
- **Raising awareness** of child safeguarding risks and the possibility that abusers may infiltrate organisations to access children
- **Sharing challenges**, good practices, solutions and opportunities on safeguarding in faith-based organisations
- **Encouraging** inter-faith dialogue on child safeguarding

- **Disseminating** child safeguarding tools and resources to the widest possible audience, including small and resource-poor organisations
- **Providing a forum** for networking and alliance building for child safeguarding practitioners from around the world.
- Creating a **dedicated on-demand resource**. The summit will remain online so attendees can catch up on any talks they missed and watch them at their own pace.

Organising committee

The organising committee is open and welcomes international and local organisations from all faiths to join as co-organisers **before 13th September**. Currently, the committee is made up of the following organisations:

- [Arigatou International](#) is a non-profit organization that draws on universal principles of common good to offer compelling new ways for people of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds to work together on children's issues
- [The Association of Religious in Uganda](#) (ARU) is an umbrella body for all Religious Institutes working in Uganda, it is led by the body of the Assembly of Major Superiors of Religious Institutes in Uganda (AMSRIU).
- [Changing The Way We Care](#)SM (CTWWC) is a global initiative designed to address one of the world's greatest global issues: children growing up outside of family care. CTWWC works with regional and national governments, donors and faith-based communities towards the vision that every child may achieve their God-given potential in a safe and nurturing family.
- [Church Mission Society](#) believes every Christian – and ultimately every person – is called to join in God's mission and has the potential to bring challenge, change, hope and freedom to the world.
- [Compassion International](#) works with the neediest and most vulnerable children that they can reach – the poorest of the poor.
- [HopeCo](#) is a faith-based organisation providing quality holistic care that enables vulnerable children, their families, and communities in East Africa to flourish.
- [Islamic Relief](#) is a faith-inspired humanitarian aid and development agency working to save and transform the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people
- [Lutheran Church of Australia](#) is the largest Protestant church in the world, with over 70 million members.
- Martistes
- [Muslim Hands](#) is dedicated to serving the most vulnerable people across the world by addressing the root causes of poverty and empowering communities. From addressing short-term needs to tackling long term issues, Muslim Hands works to alleviate poverty through a range of varied and important areas.
- [National center on sexual exploitation](#) (NCOSE) is the leading organization exposing the links between all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

- [Tzedek](#) aims to reduce extreme poverty in some of the poorest regions of the world, driven by the expertise of the UK Jewish community.
- [Villages of Hope Africa](#) is a Canadian charitable organization registered with the CRA bringing hope to children in need throughout Africa.
- [Viva](#) is an international children's charity passionate about releasing children from poverty and abuse.

Who can attend?

Religious and youth leaders; managers and staff from faith-based organisations and international, regional or local networks; donors or funders supporting programmes or partners in religious or faith-based contexts; independent professionals or child safeguarding practitioners working in faith-based organisations and institutions; and anyone working at any level in a faith-based organisation that is in any way in contact with children.

Who can present?

Professionals and practitioners who have experience developing or implementing child safeguarding policies and procedures in faith-based organisations; funders or donors who have adopted child safeguarding policies and/or supported partners; organisations or institutions that have developed research on child safeguarding, child abuse in the context of faith-based or religious organisations, the theological reflection of children and child safeguarding or who have developed specific tools or resources; local religious leaders who understand the issue and challenges of child safeguarding in the context of religious or faith-based institutions, youth leaders and advocates for child safeguarding in faith-based organisations who are involved in faith-based organisations and can provide their insight and perspective on the importance of child safeguarding to keep them safe.

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Event partnerships could include:

- Joining the planning committee as a co-organiser
- Sponsorship or in-kind support
- Supporting with media and publicity
- Sharing research, tools and guidance on safeguarding in faith-based organisations
- Submit recorded presentations
- Sharing the event with your network and supporters

Contact us today

Join forces with us to put safeguarding at the heart of every organisation's mission!

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