

## Diocesan Safeguarding Training Impressions



My colleagues and I have recently attended the first of a two session training course on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People. The course is jointly presented through the Church of England Benefices coupled with the Methodist Circuit and was held in the Bradford and Cookbury Village Hall.

Having had no past exposure to the topic it was enlightening, and a little frightening, to realise the scale of the problem in today's modern society. However it is most encouraging to know that there are a large range of Governmental and NGO organisations working together to address the problem and, no less importantly, there are programs aimed at rehabilitating the offenders as well as help and protection for the victims and their families.

During the evening we were guided through an exercise which 'highlighted' the need to recognise early signs of possible abuse and clearly showed the avenues open for accessing the appropriate help and support in furthering an enquiry.

It was a well presented and enjoyable evening and there are high expectations for the second session.

Thank you to our presenters and all involved.

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