CREATING SAFER SPACE

Who needs to complete the Advanced Module 2023 Edition?

Core List – Required Attendance

- safeguarding officer – District
- safeguarding officer – Circuit
- safeguarding officer - Church
- members of the District Safeguarding Group
- members of the District Policy Committee
- all presbyters or deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry (including supernumerary ministers)
- those who are in paid employment or a voluntary role which includes leadership within the Methodist Church, involving direct work with children, young people or vulnerable adults
- those with responsibility for supervision (either training or trained and accredited under the Methodist Church Reflective Supervision Policy 2021-26)
- lay persons who are appointed to exercise pastoral leadership within a local church
- local preachers should enroll and complete the Advanced Module at the earliest opportunity after receiving a Note to Preach and completing the Foundation Module. Both modules must be completed by the end of the second year of training and before their second interview on trial, whichever occurs first.
- worship leaders should enroll and complete the Advanced Module at the earliest opportunity after commencing training and completing the Foundation Module. Both modules must be complete by the end of the second year of training and before their appointment by the Church Council, whichever occurs first.
- those who deliver the Foundation Module
- evangelism/mission enablers
- circuit stewards
- members of the Connexional Complaint Panels, Discipline Committees, Pastoral and Appeals Committees
- those in recognised roles involving pioneering, fresh expressions or evangelism

- mentors for the Youth Participation Scheme
- members of the Safeguarding Committee

Warmly invited but not mandatory

- supernumerary ministers apart from those who have an active preaching or pastoral ministry.

Recognition of Church of England Training

The Methodist Church recognises the Church of England Leadership Module (previously called C2) as equivalent and qualifying training to the Advanced Module. Therefore, those who have undertaken that Church of England course will have satisfied attendance requirements listed above in the Methodist Church.

Renewing Training

The requirement to renew training every four years will only apply to the highest level of safeguarding training undertaken by an individual. Where the Foundation and Advanced Modules are required, following attendance at both courses, only a repeat of the Advanced Module will be necessary in future years.

These lists are as approved by the 2016 Methodist Conference:
www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-34-Past-Cases-Review-Implementation.pdf

and updated by the 2017 January Methodist Council:

counc-mc17-13-the-2016-conference-resolutions-34-2-and-34-3-january-2017.pdf (methodist.org.uk)

The 2016 Conference decided that the frequency of undertaking Creating Safer Space training should change from five to four years from September 2017 in order to make sure that training content can keep pace with changes in legislation and safeguarding practices.
www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-30-Safeguarding.pdf