

ANTI BULLYING POLICY

The United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989 states in article 19 that "Children have the right to protection from all forms of violence (physical or mental). They must be kept safe from harm and they must be given proper care by those looking after them."

The Scouts Unitaires de France in London are committed to this ethos and seek to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the prevention of all forms of bullying among members and participants. To this end all activities on behalf of the SUF should have in place rigorous anti-bullying strategies supporting both children and adults.

Responsibilities within the Anti-Bullying Policy

It is the responsibility of all adults in the Scouts Unitaires de France to help develop a caring and supportive atmosphere, where bullying in any form is unacceptable.

All adults should:

- be aware of the potential problems bullying may cause;
- be alert to signs of bullying, harassment or discrimination;
- take action to deal with such behaviour when it occurs, following the SUF in London guidelines 'Let's Stamp out Bullying';
- provide access for young people to talk about any concerns they may have;
- encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like;
- help ensure that their Unit/Section regularly communicates on what is bullying and how harmful it is