

Gympanzees Safe Recruiting Policy.

Aims:

Gympanzees will aim to have a workforce that represents a variety of backgrounds whilst providing the relevant abilities and skills for our organization. Our recruitment policy will aim to select the best people available and also prevent unsuitable people from joining. This policy will be transparent and consistent. It will ensure that all candidates are judged to be suitable and competent before they are made an offer of a permanent placement.

Principals:

Gympanzees recognizes that our workforce is our most important resource. It also recognizes that unsuitable individuals may seek out opportunities with us in order to access children and cause them harm. It acknowledges that new members of the team will need proper induction and then ongoing support and supervision in order to fulfill their role effectively.

Procedures:

1. Recruitment - Gympanzees will recruit with suitable advertising, giving relevant information for an application.
2. Interviews will be rated and recorded referencing the criteria in the Competence Grids.
3. References – Two pieces of identification and two references will be taken for each interviewed candidate. We will ensure that this will be have been taken up before the candidate starts work.
4. Checks – All staff and volunteers will have an up-to-date DBS check and will subscribe to the DBS online update service.
5. All appointments will have a trial period with a review before they are confirmed in post.
6. Induction – All staff and volunteers will be taken through an induction when they start with Gympanzees. This will include a clear explanation of health and safety issues, and our safeguarding policy and procedures. Records of these inductions will be retained and new staff will be asked to sign them to confirm they have taken place.

Insurance:

Gympanzees will provide a safe workplace and provide insurance cover against any injury caused by negligence. All volunteers will be covered by our Employer's Liability and Public Liability insurance: Morton Michel. No:GR0085675

Disclosure and Barring Service:

Volunteers and trustees of Gympanzees will need an Enhanced DBS check, but not a barred list check.

Staff of Gympanzees will need an Enhanced DBS check including Barred List because Gympanzees provides a 'Regulated Activity' as defined in legislation from 10th September 2012.

Gympanzees have a contract with Bristol City council to act as their Umbrella Body for making these essential checks.