

## Guidance for participants using social media

These guidelines are in place to ensure that each participant feels safe and comfortable whilst attending 3Generate 2023. As well as Group Leaders, there are 3Generate staff and volunteers, plus leaders and chaplains at 3Generate who are available for 8-18s to talk with. Alternatively, anyone can phone the Careline number FREE on 020 3372 0062 (posters with this number will be around the venue).

Group Leaders have been asked to talk to their groups about what is good practice and encourage them to be responsible with social media, photos and email. You may wish to visit the [thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk) website for more detailed advice.

Below are some guidelines for children and young people that all should be aware of:

- No participant under 13 should be accessing social networking sites (WhatsApp under 16) and those above this age should prioritise the opportunity to engage with the event.
- Participants should only take or share photos or videos with the consent of the person/people they are taking the photo or video of. Always ask permission.
- Photos should only be taken in public areas – toilets, bathrooms, bedrooms or changing rooms are inappropriate.
- Workshop and discussion sessions may sometimes contain sensitive conversations. During these types of session, participants are not allowed to take photos, audio or video recordings and, of course, discretion should still be used in other types of session. This is to ensure nobody is ever made to feel vulnerable or uncomfortable.
- No participant should attempt to connect with any 3Generate leaders, staff or volunteers on a social networking site. If a participant attempts to do this, the adult will decline the request.
- Please report any improper contact you are uncomfortable with or any cyberbullying (definition below) whilst you are at 3Generate – either to the Careline or to an appropriate adult (leader, staff or volunteer) as soon as it happens. We have a zero tolerance approach to cyberbullying.
- If anything happens when they go home, children and young people should tell an appropriate adult as soon as they can (leader, parent/carer, teacher, etc).
- Remember – trusting others and having that trust betrayed is nothing for you to be embarrassed about but even if you are embarrassed, always get help.

Cyberbullying

3Generate's definition of cyberbullying is "the use of modern communication technologies to embarrass, humiliate, threaten or intimidate an individual in the attempt to gain power and control over them".

### Multimedia images

It is possible that during the event any participants will be photographed or recorded (audio or visual), officially, by 3Generate photographers or film crew. (This may include live broadcast during the course of the event.) Methodist Children, Youth & Family staff will take steps to ensure that these images are used solely for the purposes that they are intended, which is the celebration and promotion of the Methodist Church's work with children and young people.

If you become aware that these images are used inappropriately, you should inform an official as soon as possible. The Methodist Church takes the issue of child safety very seriously and we believe we have a duty of care. This means that images of children and young people will remain unidentifiable, with names and identifying information being withheld.

Parents/carers can withhold permission for their children or young people to be photographed or filmed and should cross through the permission line on the consent form. A badge will be available to wear to indicate no photographs or filming.

There will be over 1,200 children and young people at 3Generate so leaders will need to help their children and young people to ensure they are not included in photography or filming by moving to the edges or back when in groups, etc