

## The Portobello Orchestra

### Vulnerable Adults Policy and Practice

We, at The Portobello Orchestra are committed to working in a way that creates a safe environment for vulnerable adults. When playing together, we believe that we should adopt measures that safeguard the well-being of all those with whom we play.

These measures include raising awareness among our members of situations that might cause harm to vulnerable adults, and following a recognised practice to reduce potential risks.

We commit that any committee members, staff or volunteers who will have regular contact with vulnerable adults will be appointed with due care and consideration of this policy, and that they will use their best efforts to carry out the measures and practices that it entails.

We will appoint a named person, called the Responsible Person, who will employ his/ her best efforts to ensure that everyone in the Orchestra is aware of this policy and that its measures and practices are followed.

We will deal with concerns/allegations of abuse sensitively and quickly. Where appropriate we will share information about concerns with the relevant agencies and involve members/service users and relatives.

The policy will be reviewed by the management committee every three years.

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Policy approved by the Portobello Orchestra management committee 9 March 2009.

Signed:

Ken Bartlett, Chair.