

Children Protection Policy

Clean Air Action Group

Preamble

The Clean Air Action Group National Environment Protection Association (hereinafter referred to as "Clean Air Action Group") promotes without reservation the principle that the right to life and health is the most fundamental human right, and that only by respecting this right can all other human rights be enforced. In this context, the Clean Air Action Group places particular emphasis on raising the environmental awareness of young people and children and on promoting a sustainable and environmentally friendly approach.

The Clean Air Action Group can directly or indirectly influence and interact with children, primarily through its awareness-raising activities. Except in exceptional situations, the Clean Air Action Team will only interact with children in the presence of the person responsible for the supervision of the child (e.g. parent, teacher, kindergarten teacher), in order to ensure a safe environment for children and to allow for continuous monitoring of contact with children.

The purpose of this document is for the Clean Air Action Group to ensure the well-being and safety of the children it comes into contact with, and to ensure that it does not cause harm to the children it comes into contact with.

The Child Protection Policy was prepared in accordance with the principles defined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The UNCRC should be interpreted comprehensively as a detailed framework for ensuring the protection of children. Persons under the age of 18 participating in the activities, projects and programs of the Clean Air Action Group are entitled to prioritize their health, safety and well-being. All children should be recognized, respected and understood in the context of their cultural, religious and ethnic background. Children have the right to be heard, with their views carefully considered, and they should be actively encouraged and assisted to participate in decisions that affect them, especially in child protection matters.

Basic conditions

The Air Working Group considers compliance with the following basic criteria a priority:

- Children are involved transparently and with continuous information
- Participation is voluntary and not obligatory
- Respectful conduct is maintained throughout the engagement process
- The engagement is relevant and meaningful to the children involved
- The process is designed to be child-friendly and easily understandable
- Inclusivity of children is key, ensuring the opportunity to meaningfully participate
- Adequate training is provided to support effective participation

- Measures in place to ensure safe participation
- The engagement process is held accountable for its outcomes and impact

Code of conduct

In its activities, the Clean Air Action Group considers itself, its staff, its volunteers and all its representatives to be guided by the following principles in particular. These principles provide guidance on the ethical and appropriate standards of behavior expected from adults towards children, as well as from children towards their peers. Formulated with the best interests of the child as the paramount consideration, it is intended to be interpreted in a transparent manner. Clean Air Action Group strives for the participation of everyone, both children and adults, in a secure, useful and enjoyable manner in the organisation's work and activities.

1. Child: in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, we consider all persons under the age of 18 to be children.

2. Children's rights: the Clean Air Action Group's activities in relation to children are carried out in full compliance with the applicable children's rights.

3. Non-discrimination: in its work with children, the Clean Air Action Group refrains from all forms of discrimination and considers all children equal in all aspects.

4. Responsibility: It is the individual responsibility of all staff, volunteers, agents and representatives of the Clean Air Action Group (hereinafter referred to as "staff") to ensure that they do not violate the rights of children in their work and act in the spirit of this Child Protection Policy, avoiding violations of children's rights and endangering their safety. In addition to the individual responsibility, the Clean Air Action Group as an organisation is also responsible for acting in accordance with this Child Protection Policy in all cases, with the utmost care in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of its organisational activities.

5. Safety: The Clean Air Action Group and all its staff are committed to doing their utmost to ensure the physical, mental and emotional safety of the children they come into contact with. At events with the participation of children, if possible, several people at the same time must constantly pay attention to the needs of the children, and the necessary steps shall be taken immediately.

6. Recruitment of staff: The Clean Air Action Group will make every effort to employ only staff who are able to fully comply with child protection legislation and this policy, and who express their intention to do so during the recruitment process. The Clean Air Action Group draws the attention of all new staff who are likely to come into contact with children to this policy.

7. Preparedness: In its activities with children, the Clean Air Action Group makes every effort to conduct activities under the guidance and supervision of a staff member experienced in conducting children's activities.

8. Training: Proper training is key. All new employees of the Clean Air Action Group, who are expected to come into contact with children, receive appropriate internal training. In addition, the Clean Air Action Group, as necessary, invites its experienced employees to provide training for less experienced employees in relation to children's activities.

9. Designated person: The president of the Clean Air Action Group is responsible for enforcing the child protection policy. The president may appoint a person who receives the following support tasks:

- Promote awareness and ensure the implementation of the child protection policy in the organization
- Development of resources for child protection training
- Learn about child protection best practices and legal requirements
- Support and information source for colleagues

10. Attention: Awareness of what constitutes child abuse and exploitation, everyone shall know the rules. Particular attention should be paid to high-risk peer situations, such as the unsupervised mixing of older and younger children, and possible discrimination against minors. Signs of abuse shall be recognized and suspicious cases must be reported immediately to the designated child protection person or the person responsible for supervising the child.

11. Respect for opinions: The Clean Air Action Group always accepts and respects the opinions of children.

12. Overnight presence: If the participants are invited to stay overnight, the express written consent of the parents/guardians and the children is required and advance arrangements must be made at the accommodation for room sharing.

13. Cooperation: Except in emergency situations, the Clean Air Action Group always interacts with children in the presence and with the consent of the person responsible for the supervision of the children concerned (e.g. teacher, parent, kindergarten teacher) and the organisation responsible for the supervision of the child (e.g. school, children's home).

14. Personal data: Personal data of children participating in Clean Air Action Group events must not be disclosed to third parties. Exceptions to this rule are when the life or physical safety of the child is in danger and the involvement of another organisation is required. An exception is also made if a personal data is required for a grant accounting due to a closed accounting to the grantor and the child has consented to the use of the personal data.

15. Behaviour: Clean Air Action Group staff shall refrain from behaviour that is offensive, humiliating, disrespectful, intolerant, aggressive, abusive, obscene or otherwise harmful to children or their development. Failure to do so may lead to disciplinary proceedings and may result in the termination of the employment relationship with the staff member, even with immediate effect, if the legal conditions for this are met.

16. Image, picture or sound recording: All participants of the Clean Air Action Group's events shall be informed if image, sound or video recordings are made or used. Anyone should be clearly informed before the recording begins in order to give the opportunity to refuse consent to the making or use of the recording. If the person responsible for the supervision of the children (e.g. teacher, parent, coach, kindergarten teacher) is not present at the time of the recording and the above information, the recording cannot be started. Images or video recordings that are offensive to the dignity of the child or in which the child is naked or inappropriately dressed may not be used. No personal data of the child may be included in the image, audio or video recording.

17. Communication: No information that can identify or endanger a child may be used during the communication activities of the Clean Air Action Group related to children. Furthermore, during communication, the child's dignity must be preserved at all times.

18. Remedy: Violations of this Child Protection Policy or the relevant child protection legislation can be reported to the President of the Clean Air Action Group, who is obliged to investigate all reports as thoroughly as possible. The President shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the actions taken by the Child Protection Agency are as thoroughly as possible. The Clean Air Action Group cooperates with other civil, governmental and international organisations working in the field of child rights and child protection as necessary.

19. Monitoring and review: The Clean Air Action Group continuously monitors this child protection policy, reviews it every 4 years at most, and amends or supplements it if necessary.

20. Availability of the Code: The Code is available on the Clean Air Action Group website (www.levego.hu) in pdf format.