Your Motorsport UK Safeguarding Trainers

Alan Page

East and North East Midlands

I first became involved in motorsport in 1982 when I marshalled on the Lombard RAC Rally. Now I undertake the role of Rescue at numerous events throughout the year. I have been a training instructor for Motorsport UK since 2004, delivering a wide range of topics in all disciplines.

I previously held the position of British Canoeing’s Compliance and Safeguarding Officer, where my responsibilities included writing and publishing their safeguarding policies and procedures, the training and education of registered clubs in safeguarding awareness, and delivering safeguarding training for the NSPCC, CPSU and UK Sport. I continue to deliver this training while working as a freelance Training Consultant.
Leanne Ritchie
Scotland

My background is predominantly in Rallying, as a senior official on many events in Scotland as the Communications Officer. I am a licenced single and multi-venue radio controller, as well as a Motorsport UK Trainer. I have experience in all levels of rallying, from clubman through to World Championship. I'm usually found in Rally Control on most events.

In my day job as a midwife, I am involved heavily in Safeguarding and have a very good understanding of the requirements around safeguarding for clubs and organisations. I am the Regional Safeguarding Officer for the Scottish Association of Motor Sport Clubs.
I went on my first rally at the age of 5 when my uncle was marshalling the Cropton Forest stage on the Lombard RAC Rally. This was in the days of Roger Clark and the all conquering Escorts. The sounds and smells of rally cars have never lost their appeal.

I am a licensed rescue team member, Safeguarding Officer, and Motorsport UK Trainer, and the Regional Training Coordinator for Scotland. I am also on Motorsport UK’s Rescue and Recovery Advisory Group and a Trustee of Scottish Motorsport Marshals Club and Disability Motorsport Scotland.

I have previously worked as a Workforce Development Adviser for the Scottish Social Services Council, a lecturer at the University of Dundee, and Learning and Development Director of a charity working with profound and multiple learning disabilities. I have also worked on the development of The Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts with Sport England and the Child Protection in Sport Unit.
Duncan McGregor
Northern Ireland

I have been involved in motorsport for over 16 years across race, rally, speed and the occasional kart event from interclub to world championship level. I am currently active as a Clerk of the Course, radio controller, safety car and rescue crew member as well as acting as a safeguarding officer for several clubs and being one of the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs safeguarding officers. I have been a Motorsport UK trainer since 2014 and I am also the chair of the Motorsport UK Training Advisory Group and a member of the Motorsport UK Volunteer Officials Committee.

I completed a bachelor’s of law at university, where I had a publication regarding young people and the law, before working in the finance sector for 10 years. During this time, I was involved in quantifying losses in numerous cases involving safeguarding matters both recent and non-recent. I also have experience in the voluntary youth sector where I have volunteered for multiple organisations and was involved in developing and delivering safeguarding training.
Neil Cross

West Midlands & Wales

I have been involved in Motorsport, rallying in particular, since 1986 when I first marshalled on the Lombard RAC Rally in Weston Park. From those early days I have officiated on every Lombard/NetworkQ/Wales Rally GB since in roles including Rescue & Recovery, Radio Marshal, Stage Commander and Clerk of the Course of the National Rally. I Clerk the highly popular Nicky Grist Stages, Chair the BTRA Rallies Committee, and run a Recovery Unit with my brother in addition to my work as a Motorsport UK Trainer.

Professionally I am a Senior Learning & Development Manager for the Home Office. I specialise in Investigative Skills training, equipping Officers to investigate serious and complex criminal offences to the same standards as the Police. The Safeguarding of victims, witnesses and suspects is a core element of this training which I have developed in conjunction with other Agencies.
My starting point in motorsport was in general club events and competing in rallying as a navigator.

Over the years this has evolved to now being involved in organising various events, acting as Motorsport UK steward, trainer and being very involved in the club world in roles as both a club and regional association official.

Through my involvement across multiple disciplines, I have created an understanding of the differing circumstances and challenges being faced by different parts of the sport.

Also, through my professional career involving working with people, leading teams and being responsible for the wellbeing of co-workers I have an in-depth awareness of the importance of understanding how people interact and the importance of ensuring we have a safe and welcoming environment within motorsport.
My involvement in motorsport has been varied as it includes competing, marshalling, co-chairing ACSMC, plus event and championship media roles. I was one of the Regional Development Officers, when Motorsport UK ran the Go Motorsport programme and became a Motorsport UK trainer during that time too.

Through my experiences I’m aware of the support that motor clubs may need to adequately and appropriately safeguarding the community. This is both in terms of good practice to minimise the risk of issues arising, but also in ensuring Safeguarding Officers feel prepared and supported if they do - the time to learn how to use a fire extinguisher isn’t when a car is ablaze in front of you.

I am really looking forward to working with Safeguarding Officers to improve their preparedness and safeguarding resilience of our sport.
I first became involved in motorsport in 1987 when I took up Rally Cross whilst stationed in Germany. Moving across to karting in 2007 I ran the Armed Forces Kart Championship for 15 years, now I undertake the role of a National Kart Clerk of the Course throughout the year. I am also a trainee Car Clerk and Steward.

Becoming a Motorsport UK trainer in 2010, I deliver a wide range of topics predominately in the karting world in both the UK and overseas. Whilst running the Armed Forces Kart Championship I held many posts including that of Safeguarding Officer. Over the years I have worked with the Motorsport UK Safeguarding team in order to ensure compliance within this sport.
Vacancy
South West

We currently have a vacancy for a trainer in this area. Courses will still be delivered in this area by the trainers above in conjunction with the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Team. If you live in this area and are interested in becoming a Trainer to support delivery of this course please contact the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Team by emailing safeguarding@motorsportuk.org
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North West

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Vacancy

North

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