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SAFEGUARDING FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION AND EVALUATION

**SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE in cooperation with
JECSE (Jesuit European Committee
for Primary & Secondary Education)
and ZIP (Centre for Ignatian Pedagogy)**

**15–18 September 2025
in Ludwigshafen, Germany & Online**

Creating and strengthening a culture of safeguarding is an essential mission for all Jesuit and companion schools within the JECSE network.

We are united by the responsibility to create safe environments, where young people can grow, learn, and thrive. This means putting in place appropriate structures and mechanisms to prevent abuse, ensuring the protection of minors, and fostering a consistent culture of care. But safeguarding is more than just policy—it's an ongoing process of raising awareness and providing formation. We aim to continuously train our staff, engage students, and involve families in understanding their rights and responsibilities in building a safer world for all. It's also about extending that protection beyond our school walls, recognizing the increasing influence of the digital world where students live, learn, and interact.

The rise of AI technologies also brings new challenges we must be prepared to face. To support these efforts, JECSE (Jesuit European Committee for Primary and Secondary Education) together with ZIP (Centre for Ignatian Pedagogy) are pleased to invite representatives of Jesuit and companion schools from JECSE network to the hybrid training conference. This event represents an opportunity to reflect on how far we've come, how we can respond to current challenges, and how we can ensure that safeguarding becomes an integral, living part of our school cultures.

Who is this conference for

This conference is intended for all those involved in safeguarding within Jesuit and companion schools, especially:

- Education and Safeguarding Delegates
- Safeguarding coordinators in schools
- Members of the safeguarding team created at the Provincial level to support school staff formation in the area of safeguarding
- Educators interested in this topic.

What to expect – aims

The conference will offer:

- Thought-provoking keynotes exploring the roots of safeguarding in our Ignatian identity, as well as the global perspective on building a consistent culture of protection
- Insights into how schools can strengthen their safeguarding systems and assess their impact
- Focused discussions on safeguarding in the digital age, including the influence of online environments and emerging technologies
- Practical workshops providing hands-on strategies, tools, and opportunities to learn from real experiences across our network
- Space for dialogue, sharing, and mutual support among those responsible for safeguarding in our schools.

We warmly welcome all who are committed to this aim to join us for this meaningful gathering. Let us continue to grow together—from awareness towards a culture of ongoing reflection and action, leading to deep-rooted change.

Organisation and information

TECHNOLOGY

The conference will be hybrid, i. e. at the Heinrich Pesch Haus in Ludwigshafen, Germany and online. We will use ZOOM for the video conferences.

CONFERENCE LEAD

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VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

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ARRIVAL

By plane via Frankfurt/Main Airport: the long-distance train takes about half an hour from Frankfurt Airport long-distance train station to Mannheim main station. From there, take tram line 4 in the direction of Bad Dürkheim/Oggersheim to the Heinrich Pesch Haus stop.

By train: train to Mannheim main station; from there, take tram line 4 in the direction of Bad Dürkheim/Oggersheim to the Heinrich Pesch Haus stop.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place through the Education Delegates of each Province. As the number of onsite places is limited, it is up to each Province's Education Delegate to coordinate the selection of participants. We strongly encourage that this decision be made in close collaboration with the Safeguarding Delegates to ensure the most appropriate representation.

The registration is possible until May 31, 2025.

Education Delegates are kindly asked to fill in and send back the registration form to:
director@jecse.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Start: Monday, September 15, 2025, 6 p.m.

End: Thursday, September 18, 2025, 1 p.m.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Participants cover only travel costs.

The event is organized in English, without translation into other languages.

The number of places for the different workshops is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registered participants will receive the detailed program with organizational information by June.

We look forward to seeing you: for the team

Agnieszka Baran (JECSE) & Ulrike Gentner (ZIP)