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Songcamps are vibrant, collaborative spaces where creativity flourishes and boundaries between personal and professional life often blur. Recognising the emotional intensity and interpersonal dynamics of these environments, IMPF has developed a set of principles to foster safety, respect, and mental well-being for all participants. These guidelines aim to create clearer frameworks for interaction, ensuring that every contributor, regardless of background or identity, feels valued, heard, and protected. Inspired by DPA's Safer Space principles, this initiative reflects IMPF's commitment to nurturing inclusive and supportive creative communities.

Core Principles for a Safer and More Respectful Songcamp:

Respect Others' Personal Space, Physical and Psychic

You don't know someone's boundaries unless you ask. Always seek consent before physical contact like hugging or touching. Refrain from commenting on anyone's clothing, appearance, or sexuality.

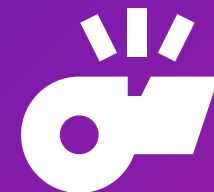


Take Responsibility for Your Own Behaviour and Language

If someone expresses discomfort or hurt caused by your words or actions, listen, apologise, and adjust. Intent does not erase impact—avoid minimising your behaviour even if harm was unintended.

Intervene When Boundaries Are Crossed

If you witness inappropriate or boundary-crossing behaviour, step in. If unsure how to act, seek support from a trusted colleague or facilitator. Collective responsibility helps maintain a safe space.



Avoid Assumptions and Generalisations

Don't make assumptions based on appearance or behaviour regarding someone's gender, age, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, religion, or ability. Stay open and reflect on when your views may be shaped by stereotypes.

Ask When in Doubt

If you're unsure about something you've said or done, acknowledge it. Asking for feedback or clarification shows maturity and a willingness to learn. This openness builds trust and mutual respect.



These principles are not just rules—they're a shared commitment to care. If you have questions or need support, please reach out to a songcamp facilitator or the IMPF team. Together, we can make Songcamps not only creatively inspiring but emotionally safe for everyone involved.