



# Welcome to Safe Children, Safe Schools

Welcome to the Safe Children, Safe Schools Community of Practice (SCSS)! We're delighted to have you as part of the community, and we hope that membership will bring you a range of benefits that will help you and your organisation/affiliation in its efforts to ensure children are safe in and on their way to school, in their homes and in their communities, and they have continuous access to basic quality education.

We also believe that you have a wealth of knowledge to bring to the network, and we are excited to hear more about your experiences!

## About Safe Children, Safe Schools

The Safe Children, Safe Schools Community brings together a large network of researchers, practitioners (NGOs) and policy makers who are committed to contributing towards child-centred risk reduction and resilience, and school safety. Like those of the Comprehensive School Safety framework, our goals are:

- To ensure children's safety, security, protection, and well-being in relation to all types of hazards and risks, in and on the way to school and other learning environments
- To reduce inequities in access to education and to ensure educational continuity in the face of hazards and risks
- To safeguard education sector investments and assets
- To promote a culture of safety and resilience

## We value the following:

- **Diverse Membership:** encourage membership from different sectors and disciplines.
- **Knowledge management:** identify, collate, and distribute new knowledge on CCRR and SS, including experience and research.
- **Capacity Development and Learning:** develop and share capacity development opportunities for members and other stakeholders
- **Innovation:** support the dissemination of new ideas and resources.
- **Collective impact:** strengthen our common agenda and develop and endorse shared measures and standards, to encourage mutually reinforcing activities, and to maintain regular communications to build trust, and to work more collaboratively to the same ends.

## We operationalise these values with the following rules:

- Members are willing to share challenges, and lessons learned as well as successes.

- Members strive to create an environment of trust and to foster insightful, non-threatening discussion of ideas and experiences
- Membership and topics reflect the objective of the CoP.
- Members agree to be respectful and to listen and respond to each other with open and constructive minds.
- Members will not be afraid to respectfully challenge one another by asking questions but refrain from personal attacks -- focus on ideas.
- Members are encouraged to participate -- community growth depends on the inclusion of every individual voice.
- Just listening is OK too – we respect that people have different styles of membership.
- Members commit to seek opportunities for consensus, compromise and creative solutions.
- Members will contribute to an atmosphere of problem solving rather than rigid position-taking.
- Members will attempt to build on each other's strengths and help support and broaden each other's understanding.

SCSS operates through a community platform hosted by PreventionWeb. Communications are either over email or through the community hub webpage. More information can be found on the [GADRRRES website](#) or on our [Community webpage](#) (for current members).

## How to join Safe Children, Safe Schools

1. Read the SCSS Terms of Reference
2. Go to the community log in page at <https://cc.preventionweb.net/scss>
3. Join the community (it takes about 1 minute to sign up).
4. Once you are a member, please make sure that you go into your profile page and update your details. Please also set your communication preferences and decide how often you would like to receive updates.

If you have any questions about how to use the Platform, please see the Help tab on the top right-hand side of the homepage. For all other enquiries, please contact the administrator at [scss-admin@cc.preventionweb.net](mailto:scss-admin@cc.preventionweb.net)

## Useful documents and link

- [SCSS Terms of reference](#)
- [GADRRRES website](#)
- [Comprehensive School Safety Framework](#)