Official statement from FFWPU UK trustees investigations into Brothers in Arms (BIA) and safeguarding incidents

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

An official Statement from the FFWPU-UK Board of Trustees and the FFWPU-UK Safeguarding Team has come out regarding investigations into Brothers in Arms (BIA) and safeguarding incidents. Read more below about it.

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After conducting the investigations, speaking with those related to the concerns and liaising with the relevant third parties, we have decided to officially conclude the investigations. While there was not sufficient evidence for most allegations, some past incidents have been dealt with.

We have taken actions we believe appropriate to prevent any safeguarding risk happening in the future and continue to take actions in this regard. We also review and take seriously the conduct of FFWPU-UK staff in dealing with such incidents and respecting the confidentiality of any community members involved.

Although some members of BIA are children of FFWPU-UK members, we would like to clarify that BIA is not a part of FFWPU-UK, nor is it affiliated with it and, as with any organisation using our facilities, its activities and ethos should be compatible with FFWPU-UK values, goals and safeguarding policy.

Also, we encourage FFWPU-UK parents and members to make sure that they are happy with the values and activities of organisations using our facilities before applying for any activity, event, program or workshop.

We are committed to repairing any damage in our communities for those that have been affected by these issues.

We are always very happy if people create new initiatives for outreach, education and other activities that serve our charity's goals, and will always consider supporting them in any way that we can.

See the official document below:

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