



WSF Privacy Policy

1. Introduction

West Silvertown Foundation (WSF) takes your privacy seriously. We are committed to protecting your personal information and take great care with your data to ensure that all your personal information is held securely, fairly, and only ever used for the purposes for which you have given it to us.

This policy sets out how WSF uses the information that you provide us with in order to help further our work in building community and supporting people.

This policy forms a key part of how we work with people's personal information and we have guidelines and internal processes for staff and volunteers, and regular training to ensure that staff understand their roles in helping to protect your data.

2. Who we are

West Silvertown Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England no.3036200 and Registered Charity no. 1049485

For the purposes of legislation, our Trustees are the data processor. To contact the trustees, contact The Chair, c/o Britannia Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, E16 1TU.

For day to day queries, our lead data protection officer can also be contacted at Britannia Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, E16 1TU or by email on hello@wsfroyaldocks.org

3. Handling Information: Our Principles

This document sets out our privacy policy as a whole, focusing on the specific and most common uses of data at WSF at present. As time goes on, the information, and how we will use it will change, and the policy will need to adapt. Therefore, we want to start by setting out our general principles of data use and privacy:

- We will not unduly prioritise our interests as a charity over your interests as an individual - we will always balance our interests (needs) with your rights
- We will only use personal information in a way, and for a purpose, that you would reasonably expect in accordance with this Policy
- We will always act with fairness, transparency, equity and in good faith
- We will always recognise the trust you have put in us by sharing any of your personal data – and that even accidental misuse or mishandling of your data could have serious effects on individuals

4. About GDPR

What the Law says about protection of personal information

The Law on Data Protection is derived from various pieces of legislation. These include the Data Protection Act and the General Data Protection Regulation (the 'GDPR') which became enforceable from May 2018. The GDPR states that personal data (information relating to a person that can be individually identified) can only be processed if there is a legal ground to do so. Activities like collecting, storing and using personal information would fall into the GDPR's definition of processing. The GDPR provides six legal grounds (reasons) under which personal information can be processed (used) in a way that is lawful. For the processing to be permitted by law (lawful), at least one of the legal grounds must apply.



The six legal grounds relevant to West Silvertown Foundation's use of your personal information are:

- Consent
- Vital Interests
- Public Task
- Legitimate Interest
- Contract
- Legal Obligation

5. How the law applies to West Silvertown Foundation's use of personal information

We will only process (use) your personal information when we have:

- asked you and have a record of your express and recent **consent** for us to do so;
- a '**Legitimate Interest**' to do so in order to support our charitable mission, or to provide you with help or support you have requested
- a **contract** with you that we can only fulfil by using your personal information - this would include your making applications to volunteer or work with us, or supply of a service such as venue hire
- a **legal obligation** to use or disclose information about you, e.g. we are required by law to keep records of gifts that are given to us with Gift Aid for 4 years, and we are compelled to disclose information relating to safeguarding incidents
- there is a **vital interest** in doing so - your life or someone else's is in danger. This could also apply in the case of safeguarding issues
- On occasion, to undertake a **public task**

There are times when it is not practical to obtain and record consent – if we asked for your consent every single time you spoke to us, this would be impractical for you and us! At those times, we will only process personal information if that processing would meet another legal ground e.g. Legitimate Interests, in which case we would only process in accordance with the law's strict rules on legitimate interest processing.

Below we have set out some ways we use your data in accordance with the above, so you can see clearly what we do, and why.

6. Your Information – what we collect and how we use it

WSF collects information from the public in a number of different ways. To help you understand this, we have set out the most common uses.

6.1 Attendees at our open drop-in activities and events

WSF runs a range of activities events, support groups, and activities for all ages. We collect limited information on current and past users of our services, activities, and events. We will use this to understand who uses our activities, to prove that people are using our services to funders, and to keep in touch with you about similar events and activities.

WSF's primary charitable purpose is to support the local community, and bring people together. We therefore have a legitimate interest in making sure people are aware of our activities, where they have shown interest or attended previously. Therefore, we may use your data to keep you up to date with activities that are happening at WSF where we think there is a reasonable expectation that you may be interested in participating in other community activities.

If you attend our activities or events, we may often ask you for your name, gender, DOB, and postcode so that we can accurately count and report to our funders on the number of, and what kind of, people use our



services.

Sharing this information

When we share that information, it will always be provided as an aggregate (X people from Y postcode, Z people between 20 and 50 years of age, and so on). Individual information on who has attended will not be shared. We will never give anyone information on the individuals who attended an activity or event without the individual's express consent (unless required to do so by law).

How it's stored

Mostly, this kind of generic information is kept digitally via our mailing list and database. However, as we use sign-up sheets and similar, there are also hard copies made, which have signatures. These are kept secure, in locked filing cabinets when they are not in use.

You can always unsubscribe from emails or other types of contact, or ask us to remove all of your data from our systems.

How long we will keep your information

Personal information will be held by WSF for as long as the organisation has dealings with you, after which it will be securely archived.

Archived information will be held for at least 3 years after you cease to have contact with WSF. This is to accommodate erratic user patterns and to ensure WSF has relevant information in case it is asked to provide references.

After the archive period, personal information no longer required will be disposed of securely by deleting electronic records (including deletion of any back-up/duplicate copies) and shredding paper records.

In certain circumstances and in compliance with GDPR regulations, you have the right to ask us to delete any data we hold on you. Please contact us if you are minded to make such a request.

6.2 Users of our services and support

Some of our other services are much more personal and individual in nature.

In such cases, with your consent, we will securely and confidentially store more detailed information. This will often include information such as your name, date of birth and contact information, and in the case of our support services, will often include personal information on your needs, health, and welfare.

This information is required to be able to provide you with a service or support. For example, we will need your address to send you letters, or your phone number to let you know something. We will need to know about food allergies or specific health conditions in some of our groups, or your next of kin in some situations. We will ask you questions, and store your answers, about your personal circumstances so we can give you the right help.

Guarding such highly personal data is of the utmost importance to us, and we recognise the level of trust that you are putting in us if you give us this information. We will only ever use this information:

- To help provide ongoing care and support to individuals where it has been requested
- To help us understand who is using our services, and identify emerging or existing needs in our community
- Ensuring we are reaching the right people, identifying for example where participants come from, what age ranges they fall into, and so on
- As an aggregate, to help us demonstrate to funders and others to whom we are accountable the work that we do and impact we have
- To create aggregated, non-identifiable case studies which may be shared with funders to help them understand the impact of our work.



We only ever capture data that is necessary to help provide a service. If you ever feel the information we request is excessive or intrusive, you do not need to provide it, and we welcome feedback good or bad. We will always endeavour to still work with you if you don't want to give us information which is not absolutely essential to the delivery of the support.

Sharing this information

In the case of our support work, we will share your information with others who can help you ('make a referral') if you consent to us doing this. This could be, for example, linking you with a specialist support worker.

We will only ever do the above with others who are either signed up to our data protection policies or who have the same rigorous data protection policies that we do, and only:

- If you have consented, or asked us to do so
- To allow you to get the help and support you need, and in your interests alone
- To those whom we are sure share our standards of information use, our values and charitable goals
- In very rare cases where there is a 'vital interest' – we are worried that you or someone else could be in serious danger. This would include where we had a concern about safeguarding
- In any case where we provide a public task – for example, if we deliver a service on behalf of the NHS or similar.

How it's stored

This information is stored digitally via our database. Additionally, we may keep hard-copy case notes. These are kept secure, in locked filing cabinets, when they are not in use. They are only accessible to staff responsible for our support work.

How long we will keep this information:

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6.3 Statistical analysis and social research

In order to ensure we understand the needs in our community and what we can best offer to help people, we may analyse your data in combination with that of others. We will do this, for example, to aid the development of services and activities, to demonstrate need for our services, or to show effectiveness of certain interventions. We may also look for common themes and qualitative information across our data, which will be anonymized, or used only with the consent of any individuals who are identifiable.

6.4 Volunteers or applicants to volunteer

Every year people give their time to help their local community. If you do this we may follow a volunteering recruitment process. This includes you completing an application form which we then process. With your consent, we may take up references. We keep paper copies of these references for the length of time you volunteer and a reasonable period afterwards.

For volunteers as well as staff, we need to undertake a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. We ask you to manage this process yourself online. We do not keep copies of your personal documents which need



to be provided for proof of identity.

When your DBS certificate returns, we don't keep a copy, and only record whether there was any issue.

We use your data to:

- check whether you are suitable for a volunteering role
- find you the right volunteering placement
- know what skills we have available to us in our volunteer pool
- make any matches and placements
- record your volunteering activity

How we store it

We keep your volunteering and personal details in our database, and hard copies in our locked filing cabinets. Only relevant staff will have access to these details.

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6.5 Staff information

During the course of our activities, we will collect, store and process personal information about our employees. We only collect basic personal data including name, address, National Insurance number and date of birth. We collect this information for the purpose of:

- Managing Human Resources processes such as recruitment, performance management and training and development. We will also ask to see work eligibility information and check ID for DBS purposes
- Payroll services so we can make payment of salaries and pensions
- Compliance with legal obligations such as making external statutory returns to the Office of National Statistics
- Contacting next of kin in an emergency
- Provision of wellbeing and support services
- Professional Registration where applicable and training
- Providing facilities such as IT Support

Our **HR software** is Breathe HR and data is stored 'in the cloud' (that means it isn't stored on our own computers, but with a larger company in a secure internet 'data warehouse'). This is generally much safer for small companies, helping us avoid hacking, viruses, and so on. The database is run by Breathe HR, and a summary of the protections for this sensitive database and the information it holds can be found here <https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/483440/Resource%20downloads/Whitepapers/breathe%20-%20GDPR%20Statement%20Aug%2018.pdf>

How we store it

We keep your personal details in our online systems, and hard copies in locked filing cabinets. Only relevant staff will have access to these details.



How long we will keep this information:

We will store your application form and information for as long as you continue to be employed and for 6 years after you leave.

Online training module for staff is with Virtual College and their GDPR and privacy terms can be found here <https://www.virtual-college.co.uk/privacy-policy>

6.6 Still and Moving Images

We often take photographs and video at events and activities and will ask for your permission before we record your image, wherever you are featured prominently.

You may withdraw your consent for us to use your image in the future. We will ask about specific types of use for your images. We will pay particular attention to any images which feature children.

In the case of large group shots or edited films, and images which have been shared widely, it may not be practically possible to remove your individual image. For example, we would be unlikely to be able to remove a brief shot of you from a substantial edited video with many participants, in the event that you later choose to withdraw permission.

In such a case, we may have a legitimate interest to continue using that image or film. We would always balance this legitimate charitable interest with the impact on the needs and rights of any individual concerned. GDPR takes into account the level of investment, and legitimate interests of an organization when considering the approach which must be taken to images.

It is not always practical to seek written permission for use of photographs of large groups at public events - for example, images of a large outdoor party with 300 attendees.

In such cases, we will make all attendees aware that group photographs are being taken, and offer them the option to be excluded from images, or not to attend.

Sharing images

We will use images for publicising our work, reporting to funders, and for historical archiving. We may use the images on social media, our website, or for print media. We will ask separately whether you are happy for us to use your image for specific purposes, especially where it may be in the context of any commercial or fundraising request.

How will we store it?

We will store videos and images in digital format, in cloud storage, and on hard media such as DVDs

How long will we keep your information?

For individual images and for material featuring multiple subjects and edited films, 5 years.

6.7 Fundraising and donor information

When you make a donation, unless you make it anonymously, we will ask for information that enables us to administer your donation. This will normally include information such as your name, contact details, and your payment details. We will not retain payment information beyond the immediate use. If you use our third party payment services, you can choose whether or not your financial information is stored for future use.

Sharing your information

We will never share your information with any other parties, unless it is

- in order to process the donation, payment or gift aid
- in order to comply with a legal requirement
- in any other case, with your express consent



How will we store it?

We will store this information in our secure accounting software, and on paper financial records in a locked filing cabinet.

How long we will keep your information?

7 years, to comply with HMRC regulations and to comply with Gift Aid regulations

7. Online and digital privacy

We know that online and digital privacy is something that people take increasingly seriously, and we welcome people taking more care with how their data is shared online. Although we are a small charity, we have some digital services we use which store and process information from the public, and you can find out more about these below.

7.1 Website

Our website is hosted by TSOHOST, a trusted and high-quality web hosting company. We pay them to store and look after our website rather than having to have it on a machine here at WSF, which would be a lot harder to keep going. That means that when you submit a form via our website – for example, asking a question on the contactus form – that information goes via another computer.

You can find information on TSOHOST's terms of service here: <https://help.tsohost.com/knowledge-base/collection/8196>

7.2 Cookies

Because cookies are such an integral part of the internet, we assume you consent to cookies by using our site. However, you can always choose to remove or refuse them.

Cookies are little bits of information stored in your browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, etc) to make browsing between pages in a site work better, or to make sure a site remembers you when you come back. Most websites use them – without cookies, pages tend to be quite limited in what they can do.

We use two specific types of cookies on our website:

- Session cookies, which are temporary cookies that remain the cookie file of your computer until you close your browser (at which point they are deleted); and
- Persistent or stored cookies that remain permanently on the cookie file of your computer.

We will use the session cookies to keep the continuity of your session while you navigate the website (eg. so that if you click an action on one page, the next page knows what action has been taken). We will use the persistent cookies to enable our website to recognise you when you return to the site.

We use Google Analytics to analyse the use of this website. Google Analytics generates statistical and other information about website use by means of cookies, which are stored on users' computers. The information generated related to our website is used to create reports about the use of the website. Google will store this information. Find out more about Google's position on privacy as regards its analytics service <https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/6004245?hl=en>

Most browsers allow you to reject all cookies. For example in Internet explorer you can refuse all cookies by clicking "Tools", "Internet Options", "Privacy" and selecting "Block all cookies" using the sliding selector. As with all websites, locking all cookies will make the website much less easy to use.

Third Party Cookies are cookies set on your machine by external websites whose services are used on this site. Cookies of this type are the sharing buttons across the site which allow visitors to share content onto social networks such as Twitter and Facebook. In order to implement these buttons, and connect them to the relevant social networks and external sites, there are scripts (little snippets of programmes) from domains outside of our website. We include these links because most other sites do, and it makes it easier



for you to share our content with your friends online, if you wish to.

You should check the respective policies of each of these sites to see how exactly they use your information and to find out how to opt out, or delete, such information.

7.3 Office systems

Our email, calendar, and general office IT uses Microsoft Office 365 technology, which meets GDPR requirements. They have extensive privacy terms which you can find here <http://www.microsoftvolume licensing.com/DocumentSearch.aspx?Mode=3&DocumentTypeId=31> Our cloud servers store data in the UK/ EU, and are fully GDPR compliant.

7.4 Keeping in touch via email

We regularly send out emails like newsletters or announcements. Some emails that we send you have no tracking in at all e.g. service emails with invoices attached. Other emails we send we can track whether the user has opened and clicked on the email. We don't use this information at a personal level -we just use it to understand open and click rates on our emails to try and improve them. If nobody opens an email, we go back to the drawing board on what to include in future. If you want to be sure that none of your email activity is tracked then you should opt out of our emails which you can do via the unsubscribe link at the bottom of every email we send.

We use an industry standard email tool, MailChimp, to send bulk emails and for our newsletters and they have rigorous privacy and data protection policies, and are signed up to the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework You can see their data protection policy here:

https://mailchimp.com/legal/privacy/?_ga=2.122759821.744864651.1524845882-548677225.1389091954

7.5 Online Donations and Payments

Donations made via the website are managed by LocalGiving and unless you donate anonymously, information about you and your payment details will be held. You can view their privacy policy here <https://localgiving.org/legal/privacy-policy>

If you hire our venues we will use an online booking system managed by Bookings Plus to store your information. Their privacy policy can be found here: <https://www.bookingsplus.co.uk/privacy-policy/>

Payments made through the Bookings Plus system are through a company called Stripe. Their privacy policy is here: <https://stripe.com/gb/privacy>

If you pay for services using a debit or credit card using our card reader from Square Up their privacy information is here: <https://squareup.com/help/gb/en/article/6420-gdpr-for-customers-of-square-sellers>

We will never contact you by email asking you for payments, passwords or credit card details. If anyone ever claims to be from WSF, please end the call and call us back at the office to notify and check with us.

Financial services – we will keep your details for processing payments and for the legal keeping of our accounting records.

7.6 Database

Our user database UPSHOT is stored 'in the cloud' (that means it isn't stored on our own computers, but with a larger company in a secure internet 'data warehouse'). This is generally much safer for small companies, helping us avoid hacking, viruses, and so on. The database is run by Upshot, and a summary of the protections for this sensitive database and the information it holds can be found here <http://www.upshot.org.uk/legal/>

7.7. Links to other websites

Our website may contain links to other websites of interest. However, once you have used these links to leave our site, you should note that we do not have any control over that other website.



Therefore, we cannot be responsible for the protection and privacy of any information which you provide whilst visiting such sites and such sites are not governed by this privacy policy.

You should exercise caution and look at the privacy policy applicable to the website in question.

8. CCTV systems

West Silvertown Foundation (WSF) has CCTV surveillance system in place at both its sites Britannia Village Hall and Royal Wharf Community Dock.

WSF complies with relevant legislation and the Information Commissioner's Office CCTV Code of Practice.

WSF will have a due regard to the Data Protection Act 2018, The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and any subsequent data protection legislation.

For full details please see the separate CCTV policy.

9. Making Changes

You can request changes to, or ask to remove the data we hold, and how we use it.

Should you wish to change your contact preferences, or to remove yourself from our records, you can do this by writing to us at West Silvertown Foundation, Britannia Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, London E16 1TU or by telephone to our main office number 020 7511 6118.

You can request to see your personal data. We will always comply wherever we can, where the request is proportionate, realistic, and reasonable. We can refuse to comply with a request for erasure if it is manifestly unfounded or excessive, taking into account whether the request is repetitive in nature.

You can also request erasure from our records within the scope of GDPR regulations.

10. Legal requirements

Like all organisations, we comply with requests for the disclosure of personal information where this is required or permitted by law. This could include requests from law enforcement or tax agencies. In these circumstances, the request must be submitted in writing and in accordance with the relevant legal requirements.

11. Complaints

We would always prefer you talk to us first, however, as usually it is very easy to fix any errors or problems. Contact us at West Silvertown Foundation, Britannia Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, London E16 1TU or at hello@wsfroyaldock.org

You can also contact the Information Commissioner's Office:

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Email: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Policy Status Information	Privacy Notice policy
Status	Current
Author	SLT
Policy owner	Trustees
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Type	Governance
Approved by	Trustees
How will policy be disseminated	Included in the staff handbook Stored in the current policies folder on SharePoint Stored on BreatheHR documents Hard copy kept in office
Does the policy require training for implementation? If yes, please specify the type of training	To be included in new start inductions Online training
Describe the mechanism for communicating this policy	Line managers supervision/team meetings Staff meetings Online training
How will implementation be monitored	All staff are clear on the terms of the policy
Are there linked policies/procedures	Confidentiality Policy Code of Conduct Policy
Document control	Privacy Notice April 2024
Frequency	every 2 years