

Composition of the International Commission for Formation in Safeguarding

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An occupational therapist with specialisations in neuroscience, bioethics and counselling. Her expertise is in the prevention of abuse within the Church and within the family, and she has a strong commitment to children's rights. She collaborates with the Lux Mundi Centre and works as a counsellor and instructor for the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adolescents. She lives in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

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A teacher specialised in the inclusion of students with disabilities. She has worked for many years in child safeguarding, both as a formator and as a consultant for institutional bodies. She collaborates with the Italian Ministry of Education on educational topics and has authored publications on inclusion, well-being and the prevention of abuse. She lives in Rome, Italy.

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Researcher with a background as an educator in international schools in Asia, where she teaches science and biology. A school welfare coordinator, she has designed programmes and strategies for students and teachers. She has been a member of the Focolare Movement since her childhood and has been a member of the Southeast Asian Child Safeguarding Committee since 2021. She holds a master's degree in science and a diploma in positive education. Beginning in August 2025, she is living in Lilongwe, Malawi.

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An IT engineer, he has more than 30 years of experience in designing technology for solutions in infrastructure for governments, banks and retail businesses in Central America, combining this expertise with a strong commitment to the integral health of the person. For the past eight years, he has contributed to the creation and formation of child and adolescent safeguarding commissions in Mexico and Central America. He lives in Mexico City, Mexico.

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A dentist and English teacher, she speaks four languages and works for the International Commission as its network facilitator. She acts as the contact person for anyone in the Focolare who needs assistance to implement safeguarding policies or provide formation to those dealing with children or vulnerable adults. She produces a weekly news briefing and manages the website for the Commission. She lives in Belem, Brazil.