

Privacy Policy (GEAR)

The Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the United Reformed Church (GEAR) is a voluntary network of Christians who long to see evangelism and renewal become part of the heartbeat of our denomination.

Crossfire is our youth camp organisation who operate their own website (a link from our website can be found under Events) and they have their own Privacy Policy which can be found at <https://crossfirecamp.org.uk/about/our-policies/>

The information you provide to GEAR will be held under the Data Protection Act 2018 and is managed by our Focus Group in its capacity as the Data Controller. We will do all we can to protect your privacy and to make sure any personal information you share with us is stored securely. This Privacy Policy explains how we use any personal information we collect about you.

We value and respect everyone who connects with us. In line with our Christian beliefs, our aim is to be as clear as possible about how and why we use information you give us.

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

Keeping your data secure is very important to us. By providing your personal details you agree to allow GEAR to contact you or send you mailings on the basis of the information you have given us in accordance with current data protection regulations. We will never make your personal data available for marketing purposes to external individuals or organisations. For more information email secretary@gear.org.uk .

WHAT INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU?

We collect the following information about you:

- Contact details, including email address and phone number in order to provide you with information about our work including the In GEAR Magazine and other mailings such as requests for financial and non-financial support (e.g. prayer), events and resources.
- Your preferences regarding methods of distribution (post or electronic) of different types of mailing.
- Payment method details in order to process any donations and associated Gift Aid you give us and to ensure they are recorded correctly.
- Details of which church and Synod you belong to in order to customise the information and appeals we send to ensure we work in the most cost-effective way and only send information which is appropriate to you.

HOW WE WILL USE YOUR INFORMATION

We will only keep information that is necessary for us to provide magazine and other mailings, other resources and for statistical purposes.

By providing information you are agreeing to receive mailings that communicate the work of the GEAR.

Postal mailings of the magazine will include a return address. Mailings returned to this address, along with any requests to cancel further mailings received by post or email, will result in the contact details being flagged for deletion. The details may be retained on the database for statistical purposes, but those flagged for deletion will be permanently deleted within 6 months.

GEAR uses MailChimp to send regular emails. By providing us with your details you are giving GEAR your express permission to transfer your data to MailChimp.

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Each time you receive an email you will be able to update your preferences and subscribe or unsubscribe from regular emails via MailChimp.

WHO SEES YOUR INFORMATION?

The information we collect will be used exclusively within the GEAR Committee. We do not pass any of your personal information to any other organisations and/or individuals without your express consent, with the following exceptions:

Name and address details are passed to a mailing house to enable fulfilment of magazine mailings.

Where such details are shared we have confidentiality agreements in place that restrict the use of your information to the purpose for which it is provided and ensure it is stored securely and kept no longer than necessary. The agent we share details with are also compliant with data protection law.

To minimise the risk of unauthorised disclosure of your information, we may use some of your information to verify who you are when you contact us.

KEEPING THE INFORMATION UP TO DATE

Please tell us as soon as any of your contact details change, or if you wish to be removed from the mailing list, so that we can keep our records up to date. This can be done by post or by email.

You can change the way we contact you or the kind of material we send you at any time by contacting us by mail, phone or email using the contact details below.

You can unsubscribe from our regular emails at any time by using the 'unsubscribe' or 'change preferences' links on the email you have received.

COOKIES

Our website does not use cookies.

(Cookies are pieces of information in the form of a very small text file that is placed on an internet user's hard drive and which can be thought of as an internet user's identification card, which tell a website when the user has returned.)

We do, however, use 3rd party suppliers such as PayPal, Givenet and Facebook, and these 3rd parties may make use of cookies.

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

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VIEWING THE INFORMATION WE HOLD ABOUT YOU

You may request details of all the information GEAR holds about you by submitting a written request to our Data Controller.

Please write to: Secretary, GEAR, 219 Chamber Road, OLDHAM, OL8 4DJ or email secretary@gear.org.uk.

CONTACT US

If your questions are not fully answered by the information above, please contact our Secretary (details above) who will be happy to help.