# **Edge Worldwide Limited**

# **Criteria for Conducting Background Checks**

Please note these criteria apply to Responsible Persons, Staff, Volunteers, and overseas partners

# 1. Criminal History Check

- Responsible Persons, Staff, and Volunteers: Ensure no criminal convictions related to violence, fraud, child abuse, exploitation, or dishonesty.
- Overseas Partners: Conduct checks on key personnel to ensure no relevant criminal activity.

#### 2. Qualifications and Certifications

- **Staff and Volunteers**: Verify educational qualifications and any professional certifications required for the role.
- Overseas Partners: Check for alignment with local certifications and credentials for key roles.

## 3. Employment History

- **Staff**: Review work history for consistency, gaps, and reasons for leaving previous roles, focusing on potential disciplinary issues or terminations.
- Overseas Partners: Assess the organization's staff track record to confirm professional and ethical conduct.

#### 4. Reference Checks

- Staff, Volunteers, and Responsible Persons: Contact at least two references to verify work history, character, and qualifications.
- Overseas Partners: Check references or previous collaborations to verify reliability and ethical conduct.

# 5. Working with Children or Vulnerable Groups Check (if applicable)

- Staff, Volunteers, and Responsible Persons: Ensure background checks specific to working with children or vulnerable people if the role involves direct interaction.
- Overseas Partners: Confirm that overseas partners adhere to local child protection or vulnerable persons safeguarding laws.

#### 6. Financial Integrity

- **Staff in Financial Roles**: Verify any history of financial misconduct, fraud, or embezzlement for those managing finances or donations.
- Overseas Partners: Ensure transparency in financial practices, reviewing audit records or financial reports for integrity.

#### 7. Health and Fitness

- **Staff and Volunteers**: Assess fitness for roles requiring physical activity or high mental and emotional resilience, especially in challenging environments.
- Overseas Partners: Confirm that overseas partners maintain a healthy and resilient workforce, able to carry out their responsibilities.

## 8. Anti-Corruption and Compliance History

- Responsible Persons and Senior Staff: Ensure no involvement in past corruption, bribery, or unethical business practices.
- Overseas Partners: Evaluate whether partners comply with anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, and ethical business practices.

# 9. Alignment with EDGE Worldwide's Values

 All Parties: Verify that all individuals and partners align with EDGE Worldwide's mission, vision, and values, including a commitment to transparency, equality, and ethical behaviour.

#### 10. Risk Management History

- **Staff and Volunteers**: Assess prior roles for experience in risk management, particularly if working in high-risk environments.
- Overseas Partners: Evaluate the partner's ability to manage risks effectively, including health, safety, and security concerns.

#### 11. Behaviour and Conduct

- Staff, Volunteers, and Responsible Persons: Review any prior disciplinary actions or behaviour concerns that may suggest risk to the organization's reputation or operations.
- Overseas Partners: Ensure that the partner's organizational culture promotes ethical behaviour, professionalism, and respect.

#### 12. Social Media and Online Presence Check

- Staff, Volunteers, and Responsible Persons: Review publicly accessible online profiles to ensure no inappropriate behaviour, comments, or content that could reflect poorly on the organization.
- Overseas Partners: Assess the public image of the overseas partner, ensuring it aligns with EDGE Worldwide's standards.

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