

Child Safeguarding Statement

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

1. **Provision of Services:** The Tinteán Theatre under the control of the Trustees of NKArts Theatre provides the following services for young people;
 - Arts in education for children age 5 – 12 years of age
 - Youth Theatre (NKArts Youth Theatre – NKArts YT) to adolescents from 12 to 18 years of age
 - Drama, Music and Dance Training and Production

2. **Principles to safeguard children from harm:** All staff have a responsibility to follow the 5 R's (Recognise, Respond, Report, Record & Refer) whilst engaged on NKArts Theatre business, and must immediately report any concerns about learners welfare to the Designated Officer.

3. **Risk Assessment**

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Risk of harm not being recognised by teachers or facilitators. - Risk of not properly and promptly being reported.	-All staff being trained in regards to child protection. -All staff being aware and up to date on the child Safeguarding statement and policy. -All staff knowing the proper procedures and person to report to.
2	Risk of a child being harmed by another child in Class or in Production.	-All children aware of the code of behaviour. - Supervision Procedures - Disciplinary Procedures
3	Risk of a child being harmed by staff or a student on work experience.	-Recruitment procedures. - Training of all staff. - Supervision procedures. - Code of Behaviour for staff. - Disciplinary procedures. - Class inspections
4	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision.	-Supervision procedures. - General safety and management procedures.
5	Risk of harm to child due to inadequate consideration being given to known medical conditions or special needs.	- General safety and management practices. -Record keeping procedures. - Teaching Assistant when required. - Risk Assessment of Needs.
6.	Risk of harm due to the bullying of a child.	-Anti-bullying policy implemented. - Code of behaviour for all children. - Disciplinary procedures.
7.	Risk of a child being harmed by another adult from another organisation using the premise	- Risk assessment of all locations. -Supervision Procedures - General Safety Procedures

4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in December annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.



**Mike McKenna – Secretary & Trustee NKArts Theatre
Relevant Person (As per CFA 2015)**

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