

Cairdeas na bhFidléirí

Child Safeguarding Statement 2023

This Statement and Who We Are

This statement has been developed and adopted by the Directors of Cairdeas na bhFidléirí (Company Registration Number 624939) to serve in compliance with and defined in the Children First Act 2015,

Services Provided

Cairdeas na bhFidléirí provides teaching and training opportunities for persons of all ages and including young persons for the purposes of skill development in the art of traditional Donegal fiddle playing.

Provision of a Relevant Service

As a provider of a “Relevant Service” as recognised under the Act, this statement aims to specify those services which we offer as well as the principles and procedures observed to ensure, as far as practicable, that every child while availing of the service is safe from harm.

Definition of “Harm”

We accept the definition of “Harm” in the Children First Act 2015, means in relation to a child:

- assault, ill-treatment or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child’s health, development or welfare, or
- sexual abuse of the child, whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions or circumstances, or otherwise.

Service Providers (on behalf of Cairdeas an bhFidléirí)

We recognise that the educational activities of Cairdeas na bhFidléirí involves Service Providers who deliver teaching services on behalf of the organisation.

Relevant Person / Designated Liaison Person

The Relevant Person as well as the Designated Liaison Person as set out in the Children First Act 2015 for the organisation shall be the Chairman. The Deputy Designated Person is the Vice-Chairman.

Risk assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks. Risk assessment as used in the Children First Act 2015, means “an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the service”. The primary risk circumstances are in our delivery of workshops, masterclasses and dances.

Risk	Procedures to Address Risk
1. Health and Safety	Ensure that all venues used by the organisation comply fully with Health and Safety Standards
2. Inappropriate Behaviour	Ensure that all persons acting on behalf of Cairdeas na bhFidléirí are Garda vetted and are routinely supervised in the commission of their services. When considering a service provider, consider that person’s suitability to work with children.
3. Communications / Understanding of the Safeguarding Statement	Communicate the organisation’s Child Safeguarding Statement to all persons acting on behalf of the organisation and ensuring their clear understanding of the reporting procedures for any and all relevant matters.
4. Reporting	In the event of an incident being reported the Chairman will, as quickly as reasonably possible, make contact with Tusla informing them of the details of the reported incident and

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initiate an enquiry into the matter in keeping with the regulations of the act and taking into account the advice and guidance of Tusla.

Procedures

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance, 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:

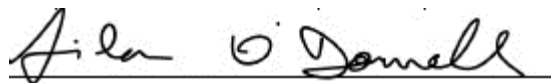
1. Our procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against any service provider/s of a child availing of our service
2. Our procedures for the safe recruitment and selection of service providers working with children
3. Our procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
4. Our procedures for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
5. Our procedures for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons
6. Our procedures for appointing a relevant person
7. All procedures listed are available upon request.

This Statement will be publicly displayed on our website (www.donegalfiddlemusic.ie) the Child Safeguarding Statement and will be made available to parents and guardians, Tusla and members of the public upon request.

Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing 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 on, or as soon as practicable after, any material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:



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For queries, please contact Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.

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