



Cork Printmakers

Child Safeguarding Statement

Cork Printmakers is an arts resource organisation providing arts education services in on and off-site locations for workshops and classes in printmaking and visual art for people of all ages.

Cork Printmakers is committed to a child centred approach in working with children, young people and vulnerable people.

Cork Printmakers undertake to provide a safe environment and experience, where the welfare of the child / young person is paramount.

Cork Printmakers will adhere to the recommendations of Child First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children, published by the Department of Health & Children.

Cork Printmakers policy declaration applies to all paid staff, tutors, volunteers, board members and students on work placement within our organisation. All staff, tutors, volunteers, board members and students must sign up to and abide by the policies, procedures and guidance encompassed by the policy declaration and our Child Protection & Welfare Policy and Procedures.

Cork Printmakers will review this Child Safeguarding Statement and accompanying Child Protection Policies and Procedures every two years or sooner, if necessary, based on service issues or changes in legislation or national policy.

Designated Liaison Person: Siobhan Brennan
Deputy: Maeve Lynch

Risk Assessment

In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, Cork Printmakers has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the service or participating in service activities.

A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the service procedures for managing those risks is summarised below:

Risk Identified	Procedure to Manage Risk
Tutors, Assistant Tutors and Volunteers unsuitable for working with children	Procedures for the safe recruitment and selection of Tutors, Assistant Tutors and volunteers to work with children, including Garda vetting and adherence to Child Protection Policies.
Tutors, Assistant Tutors and Volunteers ill equipped to safeguard children from harm	Implement procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information.
Child unsure about how or to whom to report an issue	Ensure that reporting procedures are clearly stated and easily accessible to all.
Tutors, Assistant Tutors and Volunteers unsure as to how or to whom to voice a concern about a child at risk	Ensure that reporting procedures are clearly stated and easily accessible to all.
Inappropriate use or dissemination of children's images or information.	Ensure all Staff, Tutors, Assistant Tutors and Volunteers adhere to social media and documentation procedures including consent sought for the taking, use and storage of images.
Child leaving the venue or space without adult supervision	Ensure that more one Tutor / Facilitator is available and does not allow child to leave unsupervised.

Policies & Procedures

Cork Printmakers 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:

- Recruitment Policy which includes procedures in place for the recruitment and selection of suitable tutors and volunteers to work with children.
- Mandatory requirement for Garda Vetting and Child Protection Certification for all staff, tutors and volunteers in contact with children availing of our services.
- Code of Conduct specific to working with children.
- Staff and Member Induction Policy to include briefing on Child Safeguarding Statement and safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Appointment of a Designated Liaison Person and Deputy.
- Integration of regular Child Safeguarding staff training and understanding how to identify the occurrence of harm.
- Defined Child Protection and Welfare reporting procedures internally with management structure and externally to Tusla etc.
- Procedure for the management of allegations of misconduct or abuse against workers / volunteers of a child availing of our services.
- Procedure for Managing Child Protection Records.

Implementation & Review

Cork Printmakers recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our services.

This statement will be reviewed every two years or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement has been published on the service website and is displayed in the service premises. It has been provided to all staff, tutors, assistant tutors, volunteers and any other persons involved in the service. It is available to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this statement will be made available to Tusla, if requested.

Signed:



Siobhan Brennan
Director, Cork Printmakers

Date: 10th February 2022