



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Nature of Service And Commitment To Safeguard Children From Harm

CoisCéim Dance Theatre can be defined as stated by Children First Act 2015, as a service which provides educational, research, training, cultural, recreational, leisure, social and physical activities for children. CoisCéim Dance Theatre is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee governed by a Board of Directors. It recognises it holds ultimate responsibility for the wellbeing of participants and staff (including volunteers). Through BROADREACH, CoisCéim delivers a range of youth and intergenerational activities involving young people aged 4 – 18 including: Classes, Workshops, Talks, Performance Projects, Trips Away / Exchange Visits.

In line with Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017) we are committed to safeguarding the children in our care and to child-centred practice in all our work with young people. We are committed to upholding the rights of every young person who attends our service, including the rights to be kept safe and protected from harm, listened to, and heard.

This statement brings together CoisCéim's policies and procedures, which ensures our commitment is enshrined in all aspects of our work with young people. It is targeted at all adults involved in the work of CoisCéim Dance Theatre. Parents and young people will be informed of relevant policies and procedures as they relate to their participation.

Risk Assessment

Section 2. of the Children First Act 2015 defines harm as follows: 'harm means in relation to a child – (a) 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, (b) sexual abuse of the child'. We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services:

RISK IDENTIFIED

- Young person being harmed by company personnel and/or by peer(s) and/or as a result of environmental elements.

- harm caused by inappropriate relationship/communications between Company personnel and a young person

- harm not being recognised by company personnel

- harm due to lack of, inappropriate or delayed reporting

- harm due to inadequate supervision of young people

- harm due to inappropriate use of young people's images/data online, technologically or in print

PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MANAGE RISK IDENTIFIED

- Policy & procedures for safe recruitment, training and Garda Vetting per Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy.
- Policy & procedures per Grievance & Disciplinary Policy, Feedback & Complaints Policy and Health & Safety Policy

- As above

- Provision of Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy; Health & Safety Policy
- Access to child safeguarding training/information.

- All personnel provided with procedures per Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy for reporting any child protection concerns to the Designated Liaison Person (General Manager)

- Policy on adult/youth ratios
- Code of Behaviour/Good Practice per Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

- Policy on confidentiality and use of images within the public domain

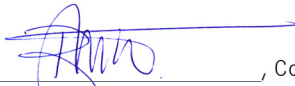
Procedures

This Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017). In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children when participating in CoisCéim activities:

- Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy
- Health & Safety Policy and Procedures
- Grievance & Disciplinary Policy
- Feedback & Complaints Policy

Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. CoisCéim 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 activities. This Statement will be reviewed in May 2026

Signed: , CoisCéim Dance Theatre Executive Producer

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