



Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Name of service being provided:

Chamber Choir Ireland Learning and Participation Programmes

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Chamber Choir Ireland provides music education activities for children and young people throughout the island of Ireland which may include singing workshops, composition workshops, performance opportunities, recording opportunities and concert performances. Most of Chamber Choir Ireland's work with children and young people takes place in schools, during scheduled school time and for such work, CCI will liaise closely with the school with regard to their child safeguarding practices.

Chamber Choir Ireland believes that the best interests of children and young people participating in and attending our activities and events are paramount.

3. 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 identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Person with relevant convictions engaged to work with Children as part of CCI programmes.	Robust recruitment procedures are in place including Garda Vetting for all personnel working with Children
2	Harm caused to a child by CCI personnel at off site workshops such as schools or Arts Centres	Supervision policy in place to ensure visits are properly supervised Policy on safe management of activities to ensure appropriate planning and coordination with partner organisations. Code of behaviour for Workshop Facilitators and Admin Staff is in place
3	Harm caused to a child by CCI personnel at on site workshops	Code of behaviour for all CCI personnel is in place. Supervision policy in place for on-site events to ensure children are properly supervised while on visits to CCI rehearsal / performance venues

		Policy on safe management of on-site activities is in place
4	Failure of CCI Personnel to identify and report Child Safeguarding Concerns	CCI Workshop facilitators and Admin Staff will be required to complete the TUSLA <i>Children First</i> E-learning training programme.

4. Procedures

Our guiding principles and procedures are underpinned by Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and current legislation such as the Children First Act 2015, Child Care Act 1991, Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 and the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012.

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. Chamber Choir Ireland 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 14/11/2020 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: 

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