



Child Safeguarding Statement

Name of service being provided by SLIGO JAZZ PROJECT (SJP):

- SUMMER SCHOOL, MUSIC EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE
- WORKSHOPS, LECTURES AND LESSONS
- MASTERCLASSES and ENSEMBLE SESSIONS

Our mission is to inspire young musicians by providing them with opportunities:

- To learn from world masters of their craft, experienced jazz performers and Irish jazz musicians
- To hear these musicians perform in concert at the highest level
- To play and perform Jazz and world music with other musicians
- To foster a love for ensemble playing involving improvisation
- To help musicians find a career path in the music industry

Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

SJP is committed to promoting best practice within our organisation and to the protection of the young people with whom we work and to provide a safe environment in which young people to thrive and achieve their maximum potential.

SJP is committed to promoting the rights of the young people including the participation young people in making decisions on matters that affect them.

SJP is committed to adhere to *Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)* and the *Children First Act 2015*.



1. 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 risk, in relation to staff, volunteers, other participants and unrelated third parties.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	The risk of harm not being recognised or not being dealt with appropriately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Welfare Policies and Procedures implemented and up to date. • Code of conduct for Staff and Volunteers • Appointment, training and clear identification of the designated liaison person and child protection officer
2	Risk of harm from staff and volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garda Vetting and referencing of staff and volunteers • Minimum presence of 2 adults in rooms which facilitate youth academy
3	Risk of harm from third parties in the summer school venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight control over access to classrooms and youth academy ensemble rooms in the summer school venue
4	Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict anti-bullying policy in place
5	Inappropriate use of social media and mobile phones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt policies on communications and use of social media, phone use in classrooms is prohibited
6	Risks of alcohol and drug use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct, sanctions and rules for participants, clear boundaries for youth academy

2. 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.

3. 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.

Therese O'Loughlin is the Designated Liaison person, and the person that should be contacted first in relation to any welfare concerns relating to young people on 087 9249209

Siobhan O'Farrell is the Child Protection Officer and the person that should be contacted in relation to any welfare concerns relating to young people on 086 8332999

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 1 March 2021, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:

Designated Liaison Person

THERESE O'LOUGHLIN 087 9249209

For queries, please contact THERESE O'LOUGHLIN 087 9249209, Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.

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Child Safeguarding Statement Sample Template

Section 2: Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

Describe the nature of your services and specify the principles that you will observe to keep children safe from harm while they are availing of your service.

Section 3: Risk assessment: *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)* provides additional guidance on carrying out the risk assessment component of your Child Safeguarding Statement.

Section 4: Procedures: As this is only a sample list, you will need to add to this list as appropriate, based on the outcome of your risk assessment. Please see also Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*.

Section 5: Implementation: At a minimum, reviews must be carried out every 24 months. The provider is the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This may be the chief executive officer, chairperson of a board of management, owner/operator, etc.

Relevant Person: You should include the name and contact details of the Relevant Persons, who are the first point of contact regarding your Child Safeguarding Statement.