

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Finglas Youth Resource Centre (FYRC) is a youth service that welcomes all young people from the Finglas area and provides activities and programmes to those aged between 10-24 years. We are opened 6 days a week from Monday to Saturday and are located on the Mellows Road, Finglas West. FYRC provides a range of opportunities for young people to participate, through a variety of programmes both in and out of the youth centre. We provide interest groups, developmental programmes, drop ins, interagency programmes and the opportunity to engage with the youth service through our outreach work. Programmes and activities at FYRC are delivered by the youth work team and volunteers. The youth service is managed by a voluntary Board of Management. The youth service is funded by the Department of Children and Youth City of Dublin Youth Affairs through the City of Dublin Youth Service Board.

<p>Mission</p> <p>The Finglas Youth Resource Centre strives to empower young people by providing them with opportunities to learn and grow and become positive active citizens in their own Community.</p>	<p>Vision</p> <p>A centre where young people are heard, valued and supported in reaching their full potential.</p>
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In accordance with the requirements of 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, Finglas Youth Resource Centre has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement as set out. Finglas Youth Resource Centre will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of Children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- Adopt safe practices and a Code of Practice to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

Finglas Youth Resource Centre has carried out an assessment of any potential risk of harm to a child while availing of our service. Below is a list of some areas of risk identified and procedures for managing these risks.

RISK IDENTIFIED	PROCEDURE TO MANAGE RISK
Unsuitable adults having access to young people	Garda Vetting for all relevant staff/ volunteers/tutors/students/interns, relief staff. References and identity checks and recruitment procedures in place.
Risk of inappropriate or abusive behaviour by staff/volunteers/students/interns/tutors/relief staff.	Induction for all. Child Safeguarding training for all. Clarity of roles for all. Code of Behaviour for all.
Inappropriate management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against staff/volunteers/students/interns/tutors/relief staff.	Child Safeguarding training for all. Clearly defined Child Safeguarding Policy. Clearly defined HR procedures for the management of abuse or misconduct including roles and responsibilities of Managers.
Online Safety for Young People	IT and Social Media Policy and Procedures in place. Code of Good Practice in place.

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 of worker/volunteer/tutor/student/intern/relief staff against a child availing of our services;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment, selection and supervision of workers/volunteer/tutor/student/intern/relief staff to work with children;
- Procedure for the provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandate persons.
- Procedure for appointing a ‘Relevant Person’

All procedures listed are available upon request.

Finglas Youth Resource Centre 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.

The Child Safeguarding statement will be reviewed in March, 2022, or soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____

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(Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015).