



# Adamstown Youth and Community Centre Child Safeguarding Statement

Adamstown Youth and Community Centre's mission is to be a positive and inclusive focal point for the community of Adamstown by providing a space that promotes educational, recreational and community activities.

Activities include: A wide range of sports activities, drama and art classes, summer projects, community groups, dance classes, support groups and parenting classes

In accordance with the requirements of the [Children First Act 2015](#), [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](#), [the Addendum to Children First \(2019\)](#) and [Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](#), Adamstown Youth & Community Centre (AYCC) has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement as set out in this document.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Gema Pintor

AYCC 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 cooperate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- Adopt safe practices and a Code of Behaviour to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect staff and volunteers 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

Adamstown Youth and Community Centre has 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:



	<b>Risk identified</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage identified risk</b>
1	Unsuitable adults having access to young people.	Garda vetting for all staff & volunteers. Reference checks and recruitment procedures
2	Risk of inappropriate behaviour or abusive behaviour by staff/volunteers/board members	Induction Training for all. Child Protection and Safeguarding Training for all. Clarity of roles for all. Code of Behaviour for all.
3	Inappropriate management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against staff/volunteers/board members	Child protection and Safeguarding Training for all. Clearly defined child protection policy and a policy that includes the role and responsibility of the Centre Manager
4	Risk of harm of a child by a member of staff/volunteer from things they have done or failed to do/lack of supervision.	
5	Risk of harm by a visitor to the centre	
6	Risk of harm by another child in the centre	
7	Risk of harm through access to ICT/unauthorised photography	

The following procedure support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of services at AYCC:

- 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.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the person in the centre who is a mandated person.
- Procedure for appointing a 'relevant person'.

*All procedures listed are available upon request.*

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.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meena Baskarasubramanian'.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Meena Baskarasubramanian

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