

Freshly Ground Theatre



Child Safeguarding Statement 2021

1. Name of service being provided:

Young peoples' virtual workshops

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

Freshly Ground Theatre is a socially engaged theatre company based in Tallaght. We strive to safeguard children from harm when attending events organised by us, while participating in workshops with us, and while performing as part of our ensemble.

3. Risk Assessment

Risk Identified	Procedures in place to manage risk
Risk of harm from outside facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each facilitator will be individually Garda vetted
Risk of young people left alone in the chat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each workshop will be facilitated by no less than two facilitators and a teacher present as well.

Risk of young people experiencing distress from topics mentioned in workshops	Young people are notified that they can opt out of workshop at anytime, are provided with avenues of support and reporting procedure, and workshops will be facilitated by trained people in child protection.
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4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the *Children First: National Guidance*, 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.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing 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 on 4/4/2021, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vlad Gurdis', written in a cursive style.

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