

School of Improv

Child Safeguarding Statement

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To State

To state that we are new & learning – so if anything stands out that requires updating / addition / amendment, please do contact us. Contact details at bottom.

Organisation Name

School of Improv

Services being provided

We deliver the following services / activities to young people;

1. Deliver comedy / confidence workshops to young people in schools across the island of Ireland
2. Run comedy / confidence summer camps across the island of Ireland

Nature of Service

Schools

We deliver Improv, Sketch / Film & Stand Up workshops to young people in an attempt to foster their confidence, self-expression & encourage their engagement with these mediums. We deliver these workshops in the students own schools.

Summer Camps

We deliver Comedy Summer Camps to young people in an attempt to foster their confidence, self-expression & encourage their engagement with these mediums

Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. 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	Having facilitators in front of children unvetted or unfamiliar with their responsibility.	Every facilitator is Garda Vetted every 18 months. Each facilitator agrees and is familiar with our Child Safeguarding Statement, Guiding Principles & Procedures. Have facilitators complete TULSA's online course.
2	Uploading Improv / Sketches / Stand Up onto our social media, could encourage bullying	Comments are disabled for all such videos. A contract has to be signed by the students' parents giving consent for the upload – thus encouraging them to watch it
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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.

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.

Review Dates

Last reviewed 25/7/22

Next review 01/01/23

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

Relevant Person

For queries, please contact the Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015;

Contact person Colman Hayes
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