



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

1. Name of service being provided:

- Outreach workshops in schools and community venues
- Tailored fine art printmaking workshops for children in various print technique
- Guided workshop tours of the studio and its facilities for primary & secondary level schools
- Transition Year work placements

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

Black Church Print Studio (BCPS) is a professional fine art printmaking facility. It provides member artists with the physical space and equipment to create their work. It also offers opportunities to non-members (including children) to experience printmaking through outreach activities, workshops, tours and work placements. We, Black Church Print Studio, are committed to a child-centered approach to our work with children. We undertake to provide a safe environment and experience, where the welfare of the child/young person is paramount.

3. 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 risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage
1.	Workshop tutors, artists and volunteers unsuitable for working with children..	Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workshop tutors, artists and volunteers to work with children. Garda vetting of those working with children. Two adult policy in place when children are in the studio. Code of Behaviour & Child Protection Policy given to those working with children in advance of workshop/event.
2.	Workshop tutor, artists and volunteers ill-equipped to safeguard children from harm.	Provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information.
3.	Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of images of young people.	Images of any child or young person participating in activities or workshops organised by BCPS will not be used for any purposes without the consent of the parent/caregiver/guardian.
4.	Risk of harm due to bullying of a young person.	Our policy outlines what constitutes bullying and harassment, who to make a complaint to and what action the BCPS will take in dealing with an offence of this nature.
5.	Risk of harm not noted by BCPS Personnel: Board members, staff members, workshop facilitators.	Introduce all Board/staff to the BCPS Child Safeguarding Policy; roles, reporting procedures and codes of behaviour. Provision of child safeguarding training provided by BCPS as part of induction.

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 in Nov. 2020, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.



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