



BLACK CHURCH PRINT STUDIO

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

1. Name of service being provided:

- Guided workshop tours of Black Church Print Studio and its facilities for primary & secondary level schools
- Tailored fine art printmaking workshops for children in various print techniques
- 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 tours, workshops, 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.	Risk of child being harmed by a member of the studio, a member of staff or another person while participating in workshops or on work experience.	All studio personnel are provided with a copy of the studio's Child Safeguarding Statement. Safe recruitment procedures involve: Taking all reasonable steps to eliminate people who are not suitable for working with children; insisting all staff and members working with children are Garda vetted; appropriate experience with working with children and young people; appropriate training. Children and young people are never to be left alone with an adult in the studio, BCPS has a two adult policy in place when children are in the studio. All staff/facilitators/tutors read and comply with Child Safeguarding policy and procedures.
2.	Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly.	Staff / facilitators / tutors are aware of the role of the Mandated Person (General Manager), and receive training in child safeguarding concerns and levels of concern for reporting.
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 offense of this nature.
5.	Risk of harm not noted by BCPS Personnel: Board members, staff members, workshop facilitators/tutors.	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

BCPS Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla 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 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. 2024 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.



Signed:

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