

# IMAGINE ARTS FESTIVAL

## CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT 2018

**Service:** Imagine Arts Festival

**Nature of Service:** Imagine Arts Festival is a unique celebration of the arts in Waterford City. It provides an opportunity for everyone to experience and participate in a broad range of creative arts. It features live performances and special workshops for people of all ages and interests. Imagine Arts Festival is committed to a child-centred approach to our work with children and young people. We undertake to provide a safe environment and experience, where the welfare of the child/young person is paramount. We will adhere to the 'Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children', published by the Department of Health and Children.

**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 areas of risk identified and the procedures for managing each one.

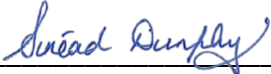
<b>Risk</b>	<b>Procedure to Manage Identified Risk</b>
Workshop leaders, artists and volunteers working with children.	Code of Conduct for anyone involved in the Imagine Festival working with children.
Harm caused to a child during an Imagine Festival event.	Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children.
Reportable information or behaviour is identified.	All Imagine Festival staff, volunteers, artists and workshop leaders made aware of Reporting Procedures.
Child/Adult unsure of how or to whom to report an issue.	Reporting Procedures to be accessible at every event.
Use or dissemination of children's images or information.	Procedure for Technology, Social Media and Photography. Use of Consent forms for parents at workshops/events.

**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

All procedures listed are included in the Child Protection Policy and are available on request and at the website: <https://imagineartsfestival.com>

**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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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