



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Kilmore West Youth Project CLG is a youth service that welcomes all young people from the Dublin 5 area and provides activities and programmes to those aged between 10-24 years. We are opened 5 days a week from Monday to Friday and are located in Kilmore Recreation Centre. KWYP provides a range of opportunities for young people to participate, through a variety of programmes both in and out of the youth centre. We provide many different services to young people based on their needs. These services include group work, drop-in's, one to one support and The KEEP Garda Youth Diversion Project. Programmes and activities at KWYP are delivered by the youth work team and volunteers. The youth service is managed by a voluntary Board of Management. The youth service is funded by the Department of Children and youth and administrated through the City of Dublin Youth Service Board. The KEEP Garda Youth Diversion project is funded by Irish Youth Justice Service.

Mission

Kilmore West Youth Project is a place of welcome, understanding and encouragement. We aim to enhance the lives of young people by meeting their needs.

Vision

A centre where young people are heard, valued and supported in reaching their full potential.

In accordance with the requirements of Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and Tula's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, Kilmore West Youth Project CLG has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement as set out. Kilmore West Youth Project will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of Children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- Adopt safe practices and a Code of Practice to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

Kilmore West Youth project CLG has carried out an assessment of any potential risk of harm to a child while availing of our service. Below is a list of some areas of risk identified and procedures for managing these risks.

RISK IDENTIFIED	PROCEDURE TO MANAGE RISK
Unsuitable adults having access to young people	Garda Vetting for all staff/ volunteers/tutors/students. References checks and recruitment procedures in place.
Risk of inappropriate or abusive behaviour by staff/volunteers/students.	Induction for all. Child protection and safeguarding training for all. Clarity of roles for all. Code of Behaviour for all.
Inappropriate management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against staff/volunteers/students.	Child protection and safeguarding training for all. Clearly defined child protection policy.

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 of worker/volunteer against a child availing of our services;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment, selection and supervision of workers/volunteer to work with children;
- Procedure for the provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandate persons.
- Procedure for appointing a 'Relevant Person'

All procedures listed are available upon request.

Kilmore West Youth Project 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.

The Child Safeguarding statement will be reviewed in March, 2020, or soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____

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(Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015).