



Society of St Vincent de Paul



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SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

CROÍ NA GAILLIMHE - YOUNG HEARTS INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMME

SVP provides educational and recreational activities and services to children under 18 years of age nationally through our network of Regions and local Conferences.

SVP is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our national safeguarding policies and procedures. Our members, non-member volunteers and staff are committed to creating a safe environment for children and young people to grow and develop.

Croí na Gaillimhe has conducted a specific written risk assessment and child safeguarding statement in line with Children First Act 2015, Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, NVB Act 2012 and 2016, Children First Guidance 2017 and Tusla Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement.

West Region

Croí na Gaillimhe, 1 Mill Street, Galway

Loretta Needham

Young Hearts Intergenerational Programme: is a collaborative education initiative between Croí na Gaillimhe and Our Lady's College, Presentation Road, Galway City, involving schools, teenagers and older adults, working together within a community learning environment. It encourages, supports and accommodates active experiential learning among participants of the programme, thus eliciting specific learning outcomes from the curricular based objectives of the programme.

The activities: Creative Writing leading to production of books, presentation and development of many drama pieces, art modules leading to art exhibitions, enterprise project - making crafts for craft fairs, carol singing, occasional outings and participation in Astronomy project with NUI Galway.

The written risk assessment indicates the areas of potential harm, the likelihood of harm occurring, and lists the required policy, guidance, process and practice required to alleviate the risks.

Risks are identified in the following categories:

- Trips \Excursions
- Recruitment and Selection
- Technology and Social Media and photography

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
Inadequate Preparation for trips	Low	Checklist for all the day trips/excursions. – Child an vulnerable Adult policy – guidance for day trips
Selection and Recruitment of Staff and Volunteers	Low	Recruitment and Selection procedures and polices followed for Staff and Volunteers
Technology and Social Media and photography	Medium	Policy on technology and social media. Consent form for the use of photographs or videos

In addition to this service/activity risk assessments the following procedures are in place throughout SVP as part of our safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Procedures for managing allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers or employees against a child availing of our services.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers or employees to work with children in our services.
- Procedures to access child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.

SVP Croí na Gaillimhe – Young Hearts Intergenerational Programme recognises that implementation is an ongoing process – we are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm.

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is:
Loretta Needham

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:
10 March 2020