



## CMC Child Safeguarding Statement || November 2018

- 1. Name of service being provided:** Contemporary Music Centre
- 2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm**  
(*brief outline of what our service is, what we do and our commitment to safeguard children*):

The Contemporary Music Centre is Ireland's all-island resource for the documentation, development and promotion of contemporary music from Ireland.

CMC provides access to scores, recordings and other archival materials from composers from Ireland. CMC also delivers a series of audience development and public engagement events in our building, which is located in central Dublin.

The Contemporary Music Centre (CMC) is fully committed to a child-centred approach to our work with children and young people. We are fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of all the children and young people who access our library and archive, and attend or participate in our events. We accept that the welfare of the child/young person is paramount and therefore recognise our duty to provide a safe environment and positive experience for children/young people in our care.

### 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.

	<b>Risk identified</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage identified risk</b>
1	Incident of inappropriate behaviour	Child Protection and Welfare Policy, which adheres to the Children First Act and will be regularly reviewed Guidelines on recognising, recording and reporting child protection issues, outlined in the Policy Child Protection training provided for staff/facilitators/volunteers Work practices continuously evaluated, with guidelines and training updated as required
2	Recruitment of an inappropriate	Recruitment policy procedures in place for all

	person	staff, facilitators and volunteers Garda vetting required for all Induction training to include child protection where appropriate
3	Unquestioning trust of long-term employees, volunteers, facilitators	All staff, facilitators and volunteers routinely Garda vetted every five years, or as recommended by the National Vetting Bureau. Work practices continuously evaluated, and guidelines and training updated as required Regular updated Child Protection training provided
4	Inadequate supervision of children	Children never left unsupervised or unattended Parents/guardians/caregivers always present with children Work practices continually evaluated, guidelines and training updated as required
5	Online Engagement	Access to inappropriate internet sites prohibited by use of filters on public access WiFi Permission received from parents/guardians/caregivers before photos/videos of children is taken or used online All data relating to children is in line with Child Protection and Welfare Policy

#### 4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* (2017), 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.**
- **Procedures for the management of online engagement**
- **Procedure for the supervision of children & young people**

All procedures listed are available within CMC's Child Protection & Welfare Policy and Procedures.

## **5. Implementation**

We recognise that implementation is an on-going 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 November 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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