

Chester Beatty Library Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

The Chester Beatty Library offers a varied and popular public programme of lectures, workshops, demonstrations and live performances of music and dance based on its collections to illuminate cultures and traditions from around the world. The Education & Learning Programme includes services to and for children, and the Library is committed to a child-centred approach to this aspect of its work. It is central to the philosophy of the programme that children are unconditionally respected and kept safe from harm while using these services and that staff, volunteers and facilitators are provided with a safe environment in which to carry out this work.

The Library is committed to upholding the highest possible standards in child protection and shall take all reasonable steps in relation to the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable persons who may be present within its facilities.

The Library will adhere to the Children First Act 2015, the *Children First: National Guidance*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice* by having and implementing child protection policies and procedures.

2. 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 risk identified
1. Incident of inappropriate behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Child Protection and Welfare Policy</i> and annually reviewed • Guidelines on recognising, recording and reporting child protection issues outlined in the appendices of the Policy • Child Protection training provided for all staff, facilitators and volunteers as part of induction and at regular intervals during employment • Work practices continuously evaluated and guidelines and training updated as appropriate
2. Recruitment of an inappropriate person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment and selection policy procedures in place for all staff, facilitators and volunteers • Garda vetting required for all providing child services • Induction training includes Child Protection
3. Unquestioning trust of long-term employees, volunteers or facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term staff, facilitators and volunteers routinely re-vetted by Garda Vetting Unit • Annual training in Child Protection provided • Work practices continuously evaluated and guidelines and training updated as appropriate • CCTV is in place in all key areas where workshops are held
4. Inadequate supervision of children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children never left unattended or unsupervised • Mandatory adult/child ratios adhered to and increased as required for specific services • Active involvement of parents/guardians or teachers encouraged and obligatory for specific services • CCTV is in place in all key areas where workshops are held

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work practices continuously evaluated and guidelines and training updated as appropriate
5. Online Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to inappropriate internet sites prohibited by the use of filters on public access WiFi • Internet access restricted on equipment provided for workshops and parental/guardian consent is required prior to use • All data relating to children is protected in line with the Library's <i>Child Protection and Welfare Policy</i> and <i>Data Protection Policy</i>

3. 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:

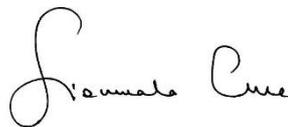
- ❖ Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service
- ❖ Procedure for the safe recruitment, selection of staff, facilitators and volunteers to work with children
- ❖ Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding 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 mandated persons in the relevant service
- ❖ Procedure for appointing a relevant person

All procedures listed are available upon request.

4. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is a continuous 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 was formally approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 February 2018 and will be reviewed every two-years, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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Relevant Persons under the Children First Act 2015.