

Ponc Press Child Safety 2023

Child Safeguarding Statement

The welfare of all children visiting the Ponc Press and our events is paramount. Our aim is to ensure that all visitors enjoy their experience and are safe from harm, at all times.

We are committed to a child-centred approach in our contact 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 adhere to the recommendations of ***Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)***, published by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, and our procedures to safeguard and protect children and young people reflect national policy and legislation. These principles apply to everyone in our organization.

In our daily business the Ponc Press comes rarely into contact with children; visitors to the press, in person at live events and this falls within the meaning of the term “relevant service” under the Children’s First Act 2015

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 (see below) the procedures that follow support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

Implementation is an on-going process. Our organisation is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while attending our premises/activities whether in person or online.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement is available to view on our website and a hard copy is available in the Ponc Press or from our lead team member at all our events.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 1st April 2024 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Ponc Press Designated Child Safeguarding Relevant Persons:

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Signed:

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For queries, please contact Tor Cotton, Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015 (contact details above)