

# Child Safeguarding Statement – Cumann na bhFiann

## 1. Name of service being provided:

Cumann na bhFiann

### 2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Cumann na bhFiann provides a network of youth clubs and overnight tours to young people on a national basis giving them the opportunity to use and improve their spoken Irish in an informal setting. We believe that the welfare and protection from harm of young people is at the forefront of all the work that we do. Cumann na bhFiann staff takes reasonable care to ensure that all young people engaged in our services are protected from harm and abuse of any kind.

### 3. Risk assessment

Cumann na bhFiann has completed an assessment of any potential for harm to young people while they are availing of our services and maintains a risk register in relation to this. This register identifies all risks of harm and lists the procedures, policies, programmes and practices that help reduce or eliminate these risks.

#### 4. 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 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

All procedures listed are available upon request.

#### 5. Implementation

Cumann na bhFiann recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep young people safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement 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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