

Gúna Nua Limited
Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Name of service being provided

This is an educational arts service provided to schools to improve students' awareness of Shakespeare in performance.

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

Gúna Nua will be providing workshops to second level schools on Shakespeare in performance and adaptation. They will be held in a school setting with a teacher present at all times. At times workshops may be held virtually and supervised by a teacher. The welfare of the child or young person is the paramount consideration and should be at the heart of all productions that engage our members. All children and young people, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religious belief and sexual identity have a right to protection from harm or abuse. It is the responsibility of our Guna Nua Theatre Company to promote the protection of children and young people, and to comply with this policy.

3. Risk Assessment

	Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
1	Recruiting suitably qualified staff	Ensure staff are Garda vetted. Ensure staff are inducted and given information on code of behaviour and policies and procedures.
2	Risk of harm to a child by a staff member	Ensure two persons (including teacher) are always present. Ensure that staff are inducted and Garda vetted.
3	Risk of harm to a child from another student.	All workshops to take place in a supervised environment under school safety protocols.
4	Risk of harm to a child due to child protection or welfare concern not being recognised or reported by a staff member	Ensure staff are aware of reporting protocols and policies. Ensure all staff have had child safety awareness training.
5	Risk of harm to a child due to not implementing Children First Guidelines	Ensure all staff are made aware of guidelines and reporting procedures.

4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First; National Guidance 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
- 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.

Implementation We recognise 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 children safe from harm while availing of our service. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 15th February 2021, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:



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