



## Macra Na Feirme Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Name of Service beginning provided: **Macra Na Feirme**

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

Rural youth organisation for members aged 17-35 years, our mission is to contribute to the sustainable development of rural communities in Ireland by supporting the social, economic, cultural, personal development and wellbeing of young people. Macra Na Feirme is committed to the implementation of good practice which will protect Children/young persons from abuse. Our Volunteer Leaders and staff recognise our responsibilities to adhere to our child protection guidelines and develop an awareness of the practices which may cause child abuse.

We will endeavour to safeguard those children / young persons and leaders in our clubs by putting the following procedures into practice in accordance with Children First National Guidelines for the Protection of Children and the Child Protection Code of Good Practice for the Youth Work Sector:

- Adopting guidelines through a code of behavior that endeavors to protect children/young persons.
- Sharing information relevant to the protection of children/young persons with parents/ guardians and children/young persons.
- Sharing information about concerns and allegations with relevant agencies as appropriate.
- Following carefully the procedures for the recruitment of staff and volunteer leaders.
- Providing effective support for staff, and all volunteer leaders through supervision, advice, support and training.
- We are also committed to consistent monitoring and reviewing of our procedures at regular intervals.

### Risk assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below are 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	Recruitment & selection of Volunteer Leaders & Staff	Child Protection Guidelines and procedures (Recruitment)
2	Practice & Codes of Behaviour	Child Protection Guidelines and procedures
3	Travel & Overnight events	Macra Travel Code of Conduct and Parental Consent Form
4	Protection of personal Data	GDPR- General regulations on Data Protection
5	Reporting of Concerns & Allegations	Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures
6	Training	Macra National Child Protection Training & Register Staff and Volunteers



#### 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

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 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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