

Little Red Kettle

Child Safeguarding Statement

Nature of Service and Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

Little Red Kettle provides creative arts, theatre, community engagement, educational, and participation-based activities involving children and young people. We are committed to safeguarding children and young people who participate in our programmes, workshops, performances, outreach activities, online engagement, and events.

Little Red Kettle recognises that the welfare of children is of paramount importance and is fully committed to complying with the Children First Act 2015 and Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children.

We are committed to creating environments where children and young people are:

- Safe from harm
- Treated with dignity and respect
- Listened to and valued
- Supported to participate fully
- Protected from abuse, bullying, neglect, and exploitation

Commitment to Safeguarding

Little Red Kettle is committed to:

- Promoting the safety, health, and welfare of children
- Ensuring that staff, volunteers, facilitators, artists, and contractors understand their safeguarding responsibilities
- Preventing harm to children wherever possible
- Responding appropriately to concerns, disclosures, allegations, or incidents
- Maintaining safe recruitment, supervision, and management practices
- Providing safeguarding guidance for online and in-person activities
- Respecting children's rights, dignity, and individuality

Risk Assessment

In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, Little Red Kettle has carried out a Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment in respect of potential harm to children while participating in organisational activities.

The Risk Assessment identifies potential risks and the procedures in place to manage and

reduce these risks.

The identified risks include:

- Inappropriate behaviour by staff, volunteers, or peers
- Inadequate supervision
- Risks associated with online engagement and digital communication
- Bullying or cyberbullying
- Inappropriate use of photography or video
- Risks associated with external venues or public events
- Concerns relating to recruitment and access to children
- Mishandling of disclosures or safeguarding concerns

The Risk Assessment is reviewed annually or sooner if organisational activities materially change.

Procedures Supporting Our Intention to Safeguard Children

Little Red Kettle has the following procedures and measures in place:

Recruitment and Selection

- Garda vetting is completed where required
- References are obtained and checked
- Safe recruitment practices are followed
- Staff and volunteers agree to codes of conduct

Training and Awareness

- Safeguarding guidance and awareness are provided
- Personnel are informed of reporting obligations
- Safeguarding responsibilities are communicated clearly

Reporting Procedures

- A Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Deputy DLP are appointed
- Procedures exist for responding to disclosures or concerns
- Concerns are reported appropriately and without delay
- Confidential records are maintained securely

Safe Management of Activities

- Appropriate supervision arrangements are maintained
- Attendance and consent procedures are used
- Health and safety procedures support child welfare
- Online activities are managed using approved communication methods

Photography, Media, and Online Safety

- Consent procedures are in place for photography and filming
- Digital communication guidelines are followed
- Personal information is managed in line with GDPR requirements

Implementation

Little Red Kettle recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. We are committed to the continuous review and improvement of safeguarding practices and procedures.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

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Relevant Person

For the purposes of the Children First Act 2015, the following person is the Relevant Person:

Name: Eimear Cheasty
Role: Director of Programming

Approval

Name	Role	Signature	Date
<u>SINEAD CLONIN</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>28/01/2026</u>

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