

Declaration of Guiding Principles for the Protection and Welfare of Children

Tipperary Dance Residency
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Declaration of guiding principles

Who we are

The present Policy is elaborated by and for the following organisation and people:

- Tipperary Dance Residency, organizer of:
 - The Tipperary Dance Platform programme for the development of dance.
 - The TDP' International Dance Festival
- Jazmin Chiodi and Alexandre Iseli, resident artists at the Tipperary Excel Arts Centre and directors of 'Iseli-Chiodi dance company'

Considering the activities described below, we acknowledge the fact that we are providers of a relevant service as per the definition in the Children First Act 2015 (s.8).

Our programs and activities for children

We provide the following services/activities to children and young people:

- Dance workshops/classes
- Dance programs in schools. These may include some or all of the following:
 - Workshops in schools and/or other venues such a theatre
 - Creation, rehearsal and performances of artistic works by the children
- Performance of artistic work for the children.

Our values behind these programs

We consider dance to be an inclusive artform that offers numerous opportunities to develop skills, knowledge and personal abilities, including (but not only):

- Developing curiosity and interest towards the arts
- Developing curiosity, interest and know-how for creative practice in general
- The understanding of self, the understanding personal abilities and limits
- Self-empowerment, the growth of self-confidence, physical and psychological
- The acquisition of harmonious social skills
- The development of collaborative, non-competitive interaction skills
- Developing a harmonious balance between physical health and mental health.

We believe the following:

Our organisation believes that the best interests, welfare and safety of children and young people attending our services are paramount.

We believe that all children and young people have an equal right to attend a service that respects them as individuals and encourages them to reach their potential, regardless of their background.

We believe that all children attending our service have the right to be protected, treated with respect, listened to and to have their views taken into consideration in all decisions affecting them.

Our guiding principles are underpinned by Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, the United Nations

Convention on the Rights of the Child and current legislation such as the Children First Act 2015, Child Care Act 1991, Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 and the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012.

Our guiding principles apply to everyone in our organisation. Workers/volunteers must conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of our organisation.

and abide by these guiding principles and our child safeguarding procedures.

We will review our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures every two years or sooner if necessary due to service issues or changes in legislation or national policy.

Designated people in our organisation

Our Designated Liaison Person is:

- Maria Jazmin Chiodi, jazmin@iselichiodi.com Tel: 085 16 83 611

Our Deputy Designated Liaison Person is

- Alexandre Iseli, alexandre@iselichiodi.com Tel : 083 14 33 792

Our Child Protection frame

Our activities involving children are organised in the context of our position as artists in residency in the Excel Arts Centre.

As such, our framework for Child Protection is encompassed by the Child protection framework and policies established by the Tipperary Excel Arts Centre.

Our comprehensive framework for Child Protection follows the Children First Act 2015 and the recommendations of Tusla. This framework includes:

- The present declaration of principles
- The Child Safeguarding Statement established by the Tipperary Excel Arts Centre.
- A Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- A Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP)
- A Mandated Person
- Our long experience in our professional field that give us the expertise to identify and mitigate risks specifically associated to our activity

Our staff/volunteers who enter in contact with children in the context of our activities:

- Receive and are requested to read these documents
- Are informed about who are the people designated and mandated for Child Protection.