



Urlingford
Community Centre

Child Safeguarding Statement

Urlingford Community Centre is a multi-use, inter-generational community facility that is widely used by residents of Urlingford and surrounding areas. While some activities at the Centre are carried out directly by Urlingford Community Centre Volunteers and Staff, many activities are carried out by individuals, clubs and organisations who hire out our facilities, some of whom have children as their primary audience. Activities involving children include Dance Classes, Yoga, Study Hub, Community Cinema etc.

Urlingford Community Centre is committed to a child centred approach to all activities involving children and young people. We undertake to provide a safe environment where the best interests and welfare of children and young people is of paramount importance.

Guiding Principles

We believe that all children attending the centre have the right to be protected from harm, treated with dignity and respect, listened to and to have their views taken into consideration in all decisions affecting them in an age-appropriate way. We believe that all children and young people using the centre should be treated equally regardless of gender, social or ethnic background, family status, sexual orientation, religion or disability.

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
- Diocese of Ossory Child Safeguarding Guidelines
- All current legislation including:
 - The Children First Act 2015
 - Child Care Act 1991
 - Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998
 - National Vetting Bureau Act 2012

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Our guiding principles apply to everyone in our organisation including but not limited to all paid staff, volunteers, committee members, board members, persons on Community Employment schemes, TUS or Work Placement schemes, students on work placement within our organisation as well as any independent tutors or facilitators delivering programmes on behalf of Urlingford Community Centre or other agencies using the centre.

It is a condition of using the centre that any Individuals, Independent groups or Clubs who use our premises adhere to our Guiding Principles and are fully compliant with their obligations under the Child protection Guidelines and Legislation as outlined above.

Our Named person is Ms Sinead Curran who will be responsible for the development of our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures in line with best practice as outlined in Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.

It is the responsibility of everyone using Urlingford Community Centre to ensure that Children and Young people using the centre are safe and free from harm. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child or young person at the centre, please bring your concerns without delay to the attention of our Designated Liaison Person (DLP) or in her absence to the attention of our Our Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLp).

Designated Liaison Person (DLP)	Name Sinead Curran	Number 087 294 3889
Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLp)	Name Marie Doyle	Number 087 232 6122

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We have carried out a risk assessment and have identified the following potential areas of risks to children using our Community Centre.

- Abuse and Neglect: Risk of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse from staff, volunteers, visitors or others running activities at the centre.
- Physical Risks: Risk of injury when participating in activities at the centre
- Inadequate Supervision: Risk of harm to children if not properly supervised at all times
- Physical and Environmental Factors: Risks due to physical hazards within the building
- Online Risks: Risk of Children accessing Inappropriate material when using the centre.

To Mitigate these Potential Risks, we have developed the following policies and procedures

- Policy for recruiting staff or Volunteers to work at Urlingford Community Centre
- Policy for the safe running of activities involving Children
- Policy for the Safe Supervision of Children and Young People
- Health and safety policy
- Online Safety policy
- Policy for Persons Renting our premises
- Policy for Supervision of Staff Volunteers and others providing a Service at Urlingford Community Centre

Details of all of the above policies are set out in our Child Safeguarding Policy published on our website.

We recognise that Child Safeguarding is an on-going process and we are fully committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures and policies that support it in order to keep children safe from harm while using Urlingford Community Centre.

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

This document was reviewed on 1 August 2026

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