



Luail – Ireland's National Dance Company, Child Safeguarding Statement

About us

Luail is Ireland's national, all-island dance company, established in 2024 to embody, embed and empower dance across the island of Ireland, and to lead into a future that transforms how we make, know and experience dance. With a full-time ensemble of eight dancers, a collective of resident creative artists, and a managerial and administrative team of nine, Luail embraces the values of fearlessness, inventiveness, joy, and attentiveness to the needs of our community and audiences.

Our work with children and young people

Luail does not supply services directly to children, however some of our programmes are open to the public, and children and young people are welcome to participate.

In the context of child protection, the terms 'child' and 'young person' refer to anyone under 18 years of age. For the purposes of this policy, young persons can be regarded as children under 18 years of age.

Given the nature of our industry and the interaction which takes place with various people such as staff, members of the public, contractors, freelancers, independent companies and visitors, our child protection guidelines will apply to all concerned.

How we work with children and young people

Workshops and participation

We run workshops, classes and other events to engage with the public around our programme of dance works. If children and young people wish to participate, they can do so either with their parent present or as part of another organisation, such as a school or dance school, who will provide chaperones with proper experience and garda vetting.

Risk assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm (as defined in the Children First Act, 2015) to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk and the procedures for managing these risks. If you require more information on a particular procedure, we can email you a link. Please contact miranda.driscoll@luail.ie

1. Risk identified
Risk of harm to a child from Luail staff who have contact with children during any engagement events
Procedures we have in place to manage this risk
▪ Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures ▪ Reporting procedure ▪ Information sharing and record keeping procedure ▪ Code of behaviour between workers and children ▪ Procedure for providing information and training ▪ Procedure for managing and supervising workers ▪ Procedures for responding to allegations of abuse against workers ▪ Procedure for appointing a relevant person¹ ▪ Safe supervision procedure ▪ Communication procedure ▪ Anti-bullying policy and procedure

¹ Relevant person – a person who is the first point of contact in respect of the child safeguarding statement.

2. Risk identified

Risk of harm to a child from other participants who have contact with children during any engagement events

Procedures in place to manage risk identified

- Child safeguarding policy and procedures
- Reporting procedure
- Procedure for managing services safely
- Safe supervision procedure
- Anti-bullying policy and procedure

3. Risk identified

Risk of harm to a child through social media and internet-based technology, while they are taking part in activities organised by Luail

Procedures we have in place to manage this risk

- Child safeguarding policy and procedure
- Reporting procedure
- Procedure for providing information and training
- Procedure for managing services safely
- Safe supervision procedure
- Communication procedure
- Anti-bullying policy and procedure

- Data protection policy and procedure
- Guidelines for taking and using images of children and young people in the arts sector
- Social media and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) procedure
- Training in online safety when working with children

Procedures

We developed our Child Safeguarding Statement in line with requirements under the:

- Children First Act 2015
- Children First: National Guidance 2017
- Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice 2019

We have a suite of safeguarding policies, procedures, guidance and protocols in place to protect children while they are using our service. Our safeguarding policies and procedures to protect children include:

- Procedure for managing allegations² of abuse or misconduct of a child using our service, against workers or volunteers
- 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 – the Child and Family Agency
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person

² Allegation – a statement, made without proof, that someone has done something wrong.

Putting safeguarding policy in place

We recognise that putting our policy in place is an ongoing process. We are committed to putting in place this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures needed to keep children safe from harm while availing of our services.

We will review this Child Safeguarding Statement in two years, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change³ in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:  _____

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If you have any questions about Luail's Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact us. See contact details below

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³ Material change – any change to legislation or policy that informs the content of this statement. Or any change in the nature of our activities involving children