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in association with The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

Writers in Schools

Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children and Young People in the Arts Sector



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Foreword

Since 2004 Poetry Ireland has been involved in a consultation process, along with the Arts Council/ An Chomhairle Ealaíon, the HSE and other arts organisations working with children and young people, in the drafting of a generic set of guidelines for artists working in this area. Each organisation then adapted these to the specific needs of their own artists and these guidelines are the overall result of this process. Specifically designed with the needs of artists in mind, it is hoped that they will prove a practical and useful addition to best practice in the area of arts education and be of help to artists in their work.

The guidelines will now be distributed to all writers and schools participating in the Writers in Schools Scheme and will be available to download as a PDF from our website www.poetryireland.ie Poetry Ireland would like to acknowledge the help of the HSE and the contributions from various writers on the WIS Scheme in the compilation of these guidelines. We would welcome feedback on the guidelines, with a view to producing a shorter and more streamlined version for distribution in early 2008.

These guidelines have been formally adopted by the Board of Poetry Ireland and we would like to thank them for their continued support of the work of Education Desk.

Jane O'Hanlon Anna Boner

Education Officer

WIS Development Officer



Child Protection Policy Statement

We POETRY IRELAND, committed to a child-centred approach to our work with children and young • Circulation of information to staff, people. We undertake to provide a safe environment and experience, where the welfare of the child/young person is paramount. We will adhere to the Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children by • Allegations of misconduct or abuse having and implementing procedures covering:

- Safe recruitment, training and management/supervision of staff²
- · Code of behaviour for staff
- · Incidents and accidents
- Complaints
- Reporting of suspected or disclosed abuse (See Appendix 1 for categories of abuse)

- are Confidentiality
 - writers, artists, teachers and schools on what we do and what they should expect from us, including information on policies and procedures
 - by staff and/or participating artists

This policy will be reviewed in March 2007

March 2006

¹ The Child Care Act 1991 (17/1991) defines a child as a 'person under the age of 18 years other than a person who is or has been

^{2 &}quot;Staff" refers to Poetry Ireland staff, writers/storytellers, facilitators, interns



Code of behaviour for staff

Child-centred approach

- Treat all children and young people equally
- Use appropriate language (physical and verbal)
- Treat all children and young people as individuals
- Boundaries on behaviour and related sanctions, as appropriate, to be discussed with teachers/responsible adults
- Have contracts/agreements with school/library/host organisation
- Be aware of a child/young person's time limitations e.g. school/exams when scheduling rehearsals/activities
- Respect differences of ability, culture, religion, race and sexual orientation
- Avoid spending excessive amounts of time alone with children/young people

Inappropriate behaviour

- Do not use/allow offensive or sexually suggestive physical and/or verbal language³
- Do not single out a particular child/young person (for unfair favouritism, criticism, ridicule, or unwelcome focus or attention)
- Do not allow/engage in inappropriate touching of any form
- Do not hit or physically chastise children/young people
- Do not socialise inappropriately with children/young people e.g. outside of structured organisational activities

³ However, work emanating from the artistic process and work of artistic content will not be censored in this way



Code of behaviour for staff

Physical Contact

Health and Safety

- Seek consent of child/young person in Don't leave children unattended or relation to physical contact (except in an emergency if a child is in danger)
- Avoid horseplay, inappropriate touch
- Check with children/young people about their level of comfort when doing • In the case of an accident school/library touch exercises
- unsupervised
- Manage any dangerous materials
- Provide a safe environment
 - accident procedures should be followed accordingly



Reporting procedures

Role and responsibilty of Designated Person

The Designated Person is the main point of contact where there is an issue or concern about any aspect of a child's or young person's safety and welfare. It is their responsibility to advise staff about policy and procedures in relation to child protection and to ensure that procedures are followed.

The Designated Person will support and advise staff in the event of a concern regarding child protection and welfare. It is also their responsibility to liaise with the Health Service Executive or Gardaí where appropriate.

The Designated Person in Poetry Ireland is Jane O'Hanlon, the Education Officer, who can be contacted at 01 4758605

The deputy Designated Person is Anna Boner, WIS Development Officer who can be contacted at 01 4758601

Note: Every school will also have a Designated Person, who can be contacted by the teacher if necessary.

The following would constitute reasonable grounds for concern

- (i) specific indication from the child or young person that s/he has been abused
- (ii) an account by a person who saw the child/young person being abused
- (iii) evidence, such as an injury or behaviour, which is consistent with abuse and unlikely to be caused another way
- (iv) an injury or behaviour which is consistent both with abuse and with an innocent explanation but where there are corroborative indicators supporting the concern that it may be a case of abuse. An example of this would be a pattern of injuries, an implausible explanation, other indications of abuse, dysfunctional behaviour
- (v) consistent indication, over a period of time, that a child is suffering from emotional or physical neglect

Children First: 4.3.2 (pg. 38)



Reporting procedures

What a writer should do

If the concern is about a child you meet while working in a school/library you do the following:

- You must speak to the teacher/librarian or responsible adult
- Note on recording the concern to be included (see first point on next page)
- If a report is made to the Designated Person in the school/library you must then contact Poetry Ireland's Designated Person and give a general outline of the procedures completed in the school/library
- Although other staff in the local organisation will be the one passing the concern onto the HSE, you should be aware that the HSE social worker may want to talk to you to hear your direct observations or what the child said to you



Reporting procedures

General HSE guidelines

- time and people involved in the concern/disclosure and the facts (for example in an incident book). Information recorded should be factual. Any opinions recorded should be supported by facts
- Inform the Designated Person or, if unavailable, their deputy
- The most appropriate person should discuss the concern/consult with parents/carers/responsible adults.
- Parents/carers/responsible adults should be told of a report to the Health Service Executive unless it is likely to put the child/young person at further risk
- The Designated Person may contact the Health Service Executive Social Work Department for an informal consultation prior to making a report
- Information will be shared on a strictly 'need to know' basis (see Confidentiality Statement pg. 9)

- Record the concern, including the date,
 If there are reasonable grounds for concern as outlined above, the Designated Person will contact the duty social worker in the Health Service Executive area using the standard reporting form (available from the Health Service Executive. See appendix three for sample form). Reports to the duty social worker can be made verbally initially and then followed by the standard reporting form. Reports should be made to the Health Service Executive without delay.
 - If the Designated Person/deputy is not available then contact the local Social Worker of the Health Service Executive directly (see appendix two)
 - In emergencies which are out of Health Service Executive Social Work hours then contact the Gardaí. There may be situations which threaten the immediate safety of a child/young person where it may be necessary to contact the Gardaí

Confidentiality statement

ensuring peoples' rights to confidentiality. However, in relation to child protection and welfare we undertake that:

- Information will only be passed on, on a 'need to know' basis in order to safeguard the child/young person
- Giving such information to others for the protection of a child or young person is not a breach of confidentiality
- We cannot guarantee total confidentiality where the best interests of the child or young person are at risk
- Parents/carers/responsible adults, children and young people have a right to know if personal information is being shared and/or a report is being made to the Health Service Executive, unless doing so could put the child/young person at further risk

- We in Poetry Ireland are committed to Images of a child/young person will not be used for any reason without the consent of the parent/carer (however, we cannot guarantee that cameras/videos will not be used at public performances)
 - Procedures will be put in place around the use of images of children/young people
 - Procedures will be put in place for the recording and storing of information in line with our confidentiality policy



Safe recruitment and selection procedures

Policy statement

We will ensure that our staff are carefully selected, trained and supervised to provide a safe artistic environment for all children and young people.

It is good practice that staff are recruited along the following lines:

- There are clearly defined roles and responsibilities for every job (paid or otherwise)
- Poetry Ireland office staff posts will be advertised widely
- We will endeavour to select the most suitably qualified personnel
- Candidates will be required to go through an application process
- Candidates will be asked to sign a declaration form
- At least two written references which are recent, relevant, independent and verbally confirmed will be necessary
- Staff and artists will be selected by a panel of at least two (or more) representatives through an interview process

- We will ensure that our staff are carefully No person who would be deemed to selected, trained and supervised to constitute a 'risk' will be employed
 - Some of the exclusions would include:

any child related conviction

refusal to sign application form and declaration form

insufficient documentary evidence of identification

concealing information on one's suitability to working with children

- There will be a relevant probationary period (three months) for Poetry Ireland's office staff. All artists will fulfil new mentoring requirements as per WIS criteria 2004⁴
- All staff and volunteers will be required to consent to Gardaí clearance, and where available, this will be sought

⁴ See 'A Review of the Poetry Ireland Writers in Schools Scheme' 2005, www.poetryireland,ie

Safe management of staff

To protect staff and young people

New staff will:

• be given a mandatory induction training • be provided with an adequate level of session

- be made aware of the organisation's code role, and the child protection procedures
- be expected to have read and signed the Child Protection Policy
- undergo mentoring/probation period

All staff will:

- supervision support and review of work practice
- of conduct, Designated Person and their be provided with child protection training (volunteers not available for training will be required to read an information pack on the organisation's child protection policies and procedures)
 - artists doing one-off or sessional work will be issued with an information pack and required to sign a copy of the child protection guidelines

Note: Freelance people will agree to abide by the organisation's Child Protection Policy and/or their own policy must be consistent with the Poetry Ireland guidelines

Responsible adult involvement and sharing of information

As we are a child-centred organisation we • Operate are committed to putting the interest of accordance the child/young person first.

To that end we will:

- Work with the teacher/librarian/ responsible adult or contact local Health
 Service Executive/Gardaí where there is a child protection welfare concern
 Encourage librarian/res where approx
- Work in partnership with responsible adults under the guidelines set out by our organisation to ensure the safety of their children
- Have a designated contact person who is available for consultations

We undertake to:

- Advise teacher/librarian/responsible adults of our child protection policy
- Inform teachers/librarians/responsible adults and schools of all activities and potential activities
- Issue contact/consent forms where relevant
- Comply with health and safety practices

- Operate child-centred policies in accordance with best practice
- Ensure as far as possible that the activities are age appropriate
- Encourage and facilitate teacher/ librarian/responsible adult involvement where appropriate

If we have concerns about the welfare of the child/young person we will:

- Respond to the needs of the child or young person
- Inform the teachers/librarians/ responsible adults on an ongoing basis unless this action puts the child or young person at further risk
- Where there are child protection and welfare concerns we are obliged to pass these on to the duty social worker and, in an emergency, the Gardaí
- In the event of a complaint against a member of staff we will immediately ensure the safety of the child/young person and inform responsible adults as appropriate



Incidences of poor practice and allegations against staff

In the event of an allegation against staff

There are two separate procedures to be followed:

- A) The reporting procedure in respect of the child/young person
- B) The procedure for dealing with the worker

In the event that the allegation is being directly dealt with by Poetry Ireland:

In the event that the allegation is being dealt with by the school/library:

The deputy Designated Person will deal with issues related to the child/young person

The school/library Designated Person will deal with issues related to the child/young person

The Designated Person will deal with issues related to the worker in liaison with the Chairperson of the Board of Poetry Ireland

The Poetry Ireland Designated Person will deal with issues related to the worker in liaison with the Chairperson of the Board of Poetry Ireland

Incidences of poor practice and allegations against staff

- The first priority is to ensure that no child The Chairperson will be informed as soon person is exposed to unnecessary risk
- If allegations are made against the Designated Person then contact the Deputy Designated Person
- The reporting procedures such as outlined
 After consultation, chairperson/head of under Section 3 of these guidelines will be followed.Parents/carers/responsible adults and child/young person (age appropriate) and taken.
- The staff member will be informed as soon as possible
 - (i) that an allegation has been made against him/her
 - (ii) the nature of the allegation
- The staff member will be given the opportunity to respond

- as possible
- Any action following an allegation of abuse against an employee will be taken in consultation with Health Service Executive and Gardaí
- organisation will advise person accused and agreed procedures will be followed.
- should be informed of actions planned Poetry Ireland will also follow best practice and contact the HSE team involved, acknowledging and ensuring that the concern has been received. The Designated Person will act in accordance with their role with the person against whom the allegation was received and advise the school/library that these procedures are being followed.

Complaints and comments procedures

- Complaints/comments will be responded to within three weeks
- The Education Officer, Jane O'Hanlon will have responsibility for directing complaints/comments to the appropriate person
- Verbal complaints will be logged and responded to

Accidents Procedure

(This may not always be applicable, but in the event that it is the following procedure will apply).

- Outside organisations will be required Children and young people will be to provide proof that they have public liability insurance
 - advised of risks of any dangerous materials
- First aid boxes will be available, and Details of risky equipment used will be regularly restocked
 - recorded and steps taken to minimise risk
- Availability of first aid will be in organisation.
 - accordance with the school/library/host Where applicable responsibility for first-aid on off-site trips will be taken
- · Incident books and first aid boxes will be clearly labelled and easily available



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Appendix listings

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List of HSE area social work contact details

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Appendix 1 - Definitions of abuse

There are four main categories of abuse as outlined in *Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children.* The following is a synopsis of the information contained in that document. For the full definitions please refer to *Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children* 1993 (Chapter 3, p31).

- Neglect (Children First 3.2)
- Emotional abuse (Children First 3.3)
- Physical abuse (*Children First* 3.4)
- Sexual abuse (Children First 3.5)

Neglect

"Neglect can be defined as being where the child suffers significant harm or impairment of development by being deprived of food, clothing, warmth, hygiene, intellectual stimulation, supervision and safety, attachment to and affection from adults, medical care.... The threshold of significant harm is reached when the child's needs are neglected to the extent that his or her well-being and/or development are severely affected."

(Children First p.31)

Emotional abuse

Emotional abuse usually happens where there is a relationship between a carer and a child rather than as a specific incident or incidents.

> "Unless other forms of abuse are present, it is rarely manifested in terms of physical signs or symptoms"

(Children First p. 31)

Rather, it can manifest in the child's behaviour or physical functioning. Examples of these include 'anxious' attachment, unhappiness, low self-esteem, educational and developmental underachievement and uncooperative or hostile behaviour.

"The threshold of significant harm is reached when interaction is predominantly abusive and become typical of the relationship between the child and the parent/carer."

(Children First p. 32)

Examples of emotional abuse in children include:

- Imposition of negative attributes on children, expressed by persistent criticism, sarcasm, hostility or blaming
- Emotional unavailability by the child's parent/carer



Appendix 1 - Definitions of abuse

- Unresponsiveness, inconsistent inappropriate expectations of the child
- Premature imposition of responsibility on the child
- Unrealistic or inappropriate expectations of the child's capacity to understand something or to behave and control him/herself in a certain way
- Under or over-protection of the child
- Use of unreasonably harsh discipline
- Exposure to domestic violence (Children First p. 32)

Physical abuse

Physical abuse is any form of non-accidental injury or injury which results from wilful or neglectful failure to protect a child.

Examples of physical injury include the following:

- Shaking
- Use of excessive force in handling
- Deliberate poisoning
- Suffocation
- Allowing or creating a substantial risk of significant harm to a child (*Children First* p. 32)

Sexual abuse

Sexual abuse involves the use of a child for gratification or sexual arousal by a person for themselves or others.

Examples of sexual abuse include:

- something or to behave and control Exposure of the sexual organs or any him/herself in a certain way sexual act intentionally performed in the presence of a child
 - Intentional touching or molesting of the body of a child whether by a person or object for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification
 - Masturbation in the presence of the child or involvement of the child in an act of masturbation
- accidental injury or injury which results Sexual intercourse with a child whether from wilful or neglectful failure to protect oral, vaginal or anal
 - Sexual exploitation of a child including showing sexually explicit material to children which is often a feature of the 'grooming' process by perpetrators of abuse
 - Consensual sexual activity involving an adult and an under-age person

(Children First p. 33)

East Coast Area

Community Care	AREA SOCIAL WORK	Phone No.	Fax No.
Area	DEPARTMENT		
	Address		
Area 1	Our Lady's Clinic, Patrick Street	01 - 2808403	01 - 2844995
	Dun Laoghaire		
	Co. Dublin		
Area 2	Vergemount Hall, Clonskeagh	01 – 2680320/0333	01 - 2680406
	Dublin 6		
Area 10	Glenside Road Health Centre	0404 - 60800	0404 - 60888
	Wicklow Town		
		01 2744100	01 2744136
	Bray Health Centre, Block B,		
	Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray.		

Northern Area

Community Care	AREA SOCIAL WORK	Phone No.	Fax No.
Area	DEPARTMENT		
	Address		
Area 6	Rathdown Road	01 - 8680444	01 - 8825153
	Dublin 7		
Area 7 North	Rose Cottage, Convent Avenue	01 - 8575432	01 - 8575449
	off Richmond Road, Fairview		
	Dublin 3		
Area 7 South	22 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1	01 - 8556871	01 - 8550589
Area 8	Health Centre, Cromcastle Road	01 - 8164200	01 - 8479593
	Coolock, Dublin 5		

South Western Area

Community Care	AREA SOCIAL WORK	Phone No.	Fax No.
Area	DEPARTMENT		
	Address		
Dublin South	15 City Gate	01 - 6486650	01 - 6799303
City District	St. Augustine Street, Dublin 8		
Dublin South	Health Centre, Old County Road	01 - 4154700	01 - 4154804
West District	Crumlin, Dublin 12		
Dublin West	Bridge House, Cherry Orchard	01 - 6206387	01 - 6206388
District	Hospital Ballyfermot, Dublin 10		
Kildare/West	Social Work Department, 1A South	045 - 896120	045 - 896455
Wicklow District	Main Street, Naas, Co. Kildare		

Midland Area

Community Care Area	Address	Phone No.	Fax No.
Longford/	Child & Family Centre	044 – 84450	044 – 84396
Westmeath	Springfield		
	Mullingar		
	Co. Westmeath		
	Health Centre	09064-83106	09064-83149
	Coosan Road		
	Athlone		
	Co. Westmeath		
	Tivoli House	043-50584	043-50798
	Dublin Road		
	Longford		
Laois/Offaly	Community Care Office	0506 – 22488	0506 – 21136
	O'Carroll Street		
	Tullamore		
	Co. Offaly		
	Child & Family Centre	0502-78236	0502-62535
	Dublin Road		
	Portlaoise		
	Co. Laois		

Mid Western Area

Community Care	Address	Phone No.	Fax No.
Area			
Limerick	Unit 3	061 - 483711	061 - 483757
	St. Camillus's		
	Shelbourne Road		
	Limerick		
Clare	River House	065 - 6863907	065 -
	Gort Road	065 - 6863908	6863984
	Ennis		
	Co. Clare		
North Tipperary	Social Work Department	067 - 41934	067 - 42069
	Annbrook		
	Limerick Road		
	Nenagh		
	Co. Tipperary		

North Eastern Area

Community Care	Address	Phone No.	Fax No.
Area			
Cavan/Monaghan	Local Health Care Unit	047 - 30400	047 - 77908
	Rooskey	047 - 30426	
	Monaghan	047 – 30427	
	(or)		
	Child and Family Services		
	HSE		
	Drumalee,		
	Cootehill Rd.,	049 - 4377300	
	Cavan		
Louth	3 rd Floor	041 - 9875282	041 - 9875244
	Nurses Residence		
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital		
	Drogheda		
	Co. Louth		
		042 - 9392220	042 - 9392265
	Wilton House		
	Stapleton Place		
	Dundalk		
	Co. Louth		
Meath	Child & Family Centre	046 – 9078846/30	046 - 9071030
	Navan		
	Co. Meath		
Sligo/Leitrim	Community Services	071 – 9155133	071 - 9155187
	Markievicz House		
	Sligo		
	Carrick –on- Shannon Duty Social		
	Worker	071 9650324	
	Tubbercurry Duty Social Worker	071 9120062	
Donegal	Garden Centre	074 912 3770	074 - 9129752
	St. Conal's Hospital		
	Letterkenny		
	Co. Donegal		
	Buncrana Duty Social Worker	074 9361044	
	Donegal Town Duty Social Worker	074 972 1074	

South Eastern Area

Community Care	Address	Phone No.	Fax No.
Area			
Carlow/Kilkenny	SEHB	056 – 7784781	056 -
	11 Patrick Street		7762741
	Kilkenny	Duty Social Work	
		Kilkenny	
		056 7784782	
		Duty Social Work	
		Carlow -059	
		9136587	
Waterford	Community Care Centre	051 - 842880	051 - 842811
	Cork Road		
	Waterford	Duty Social Work	
		051 842827	
Wexford	Ely Hospital	053 – 47718	053 - 47706
	Wexford		
		Duty Social Work	
		053 23522 x 222	
South Tipperary	Yellow House	052 – 77302/3	052 - 77301
	St. Luke's Hospital		
	Western Road	Duty Social Work	
	Clonmel	052 77306	
	Co. Tipperary		

Southern Area

Community Care Area	Address	Phone No.	Fax No.
South Lee	Social Work Department	021 - 4923001	021 - 4312960
	St. Finbarr's Hospital		
	Cork		
North Lee	Social Work Department	021 - 4927000	021- 4927001
	Floor 2		021- 4927002
	adjacent to Blackpool S/C.		
	Blackpool		
	Cork		
North Cork	Gouldshill House	022 - 30200	022 - 30211
	Mallow		
	Co. Cork		
West Cork	Community Care	028 - 40447	028 - 23172
	Coolnagarrane	028 - 40456	
	Skibbereen, Cork		

Kerry	28 Moyderwell	066 - 7184887	066 - 7184890
	Tralee, Co. Kerry	066 – 7184869	
		Duty Social	
		Worker	

Western Area

Community Care	Address	Phone No.	Fax No.
Area			
Galway City	Community Care Services,	091 546366	091 - 527601
	25 Newcastle Road	091 546370	
	Galway		
Galway West	Oughterard Health Centre,	091 552200	
	Ougtherard,		
Galway East and	Co. Galway	0909 646200	
South	Ballinasloe Health Centre,	091 847820	
	Ballinasloe,	(Loughrea	
	Co. Galway	office)	
Galway		093 26800	
North/Central	Vicar Street, Tuam, Galway	Principal Social	
		Worker	
Mayo	Hill House	094 - 9042283	094 - 9026110
	Mountainview	094 - 9042284	
	Castlebar		
	Co. Mayo		
Roscommon	Abbey Town House	090 - 6626732	090 - 6626776
	Abbey Street		
	Roscommon		



PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL STANDARD FORM FOR REPORTING CHILD PROTECTION AND/OR WELFARE CONCERNS

In case of Emergency or outside Health Board office hours, contact should be made with An Garda Síochána

Detail	s of Child:			
	·			
	Female: [
	<u> </u>			Age/D.O.B
Schoo	l:		-	
Name	of Mother:			
	of Father:			
Addre	ss of Mother/Fath			
Telepl	none Number:			
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1c. Household Composition:

Name	Relationship to	Date of	Additional Information
	Child	Birth	e.g. School/Occupation
-			
Note: A separate	report form must be c	ompleted in res	spect of each child
being reported.	1	1	1
0 1			
2. Details of con	ncern(s), allegation(s) or i	ncident(s) dates, ti	mes, who was present,
description o	of any observed injuries, p	parent's view(s), ch	ild's view(s) if known).
3. Details of pers	son(s) allegedly causi	ng concern in re	elation to the child:
3. Details of pers	son(s) allegedly causi	ng concern in re	elation to the child:
_	son(s) allegedly causi		
Name:			elation to the child:
_	son(s) allegedly causing Female:		
Name:			

	Relationship to Child:	
	Occupation:	
4.	Name and Address of other po	ersonnel or agencies involved with child: School:
	Gardai:	
	G.P.:	
	Pre-School/Crèche/Youth Clul	b

Hospital:	Hospital:							
	Other, Specify e.g. Youth Groups, After School Clubs:							
5a. Are Parents/Legal Guardians aware Department? Yes No	of this referral to the Social Work							
5b. Are the Parents/Legal Guardians sup	pportive Yes No							
5. Details of Person reporting concerns:	:							
(Please see Guidance Notes re. Limitatio	ons of confidentiality)							
Name:	Name:							
Occupation:	Occupation:							
	Address:							
Telephone Number:								
Nature and extent of contact with Child/Family:								
7. Details of Person completing form:								
Name:	Date:							
Occupation:	Signed:							



Declaration of Suitability to Work with Children/Young People

haraby declars and warrant that there is no reason known
hereby declare and warrant that there is no reason known on me and there are no convictions, claims or complaints (past or pending) against me
elating to children/young people that would deem me to be unsuitable to work with
hildren/young people and carry out my role within this organisation.
understand that my making a false declaration would be grounds for dismissal or the ermination of my contract on any project on which I was engaged.
also give my permission to contact An Garda Siochana for clearance purposes.
Signed:
Date:

Note: These Guidelines are being implemented in conjunction with The Arts Council/AnChomhairle Ealaíon.

