



JAZZIFE ALLIANCE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Jazzlife Alliance works with children and young people as part of its activities. These include mentoring, masterclasses and performances. The purpose of this policy statement is to protect children and young people taking part on Jazzlife Alliance's projects and to provide parents, staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection. This policy statement applies to anyone working on behalf of Jazzlife Alliance.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in Northern Ireland.

We believe that:

- Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind and that we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them.

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- That all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- That some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- That working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting them.
- Appointing a nominated child protection/safeguarding lead, a deputy child protection/safeguarding lead and a board member for safeguarding.

- Developing child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures which reflect best practice.
- Using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately.
- Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we have a policy and procedure to help us deal effectively with any bullying that does arise.
- Developing and implementing an effective online safety policy and related procedures.
- Sharing information about child protection and safeguarding best practice with children, their families, staff and volunteers via leaflets, posters, group work and one-to-one discussions.
- Recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made.
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures.
- Implementing a code of conduct for staff and volunteers.
- Using our procedures to manage any allegations against staff and volunteers appropriately.
- Ensuring that we have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place.
- Ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, staff and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely.
- Using a space free from anything inappropriate to children when carrying out online video sessions.
- Ensuring that the parent is the lead contact when scheduling any online sessions.

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