

## **CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT STATEMENT**

Bayside Community Centre is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults who use the Centre and ensuring the Centre is a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can gather, play, attend groups or make individual visits without experiencing harm.

Bayside Community Centre believes that the welfare of the children and vulnerable adults attending events in our Centre is paramount.

We are committed to upholding the rights of every child and vulnerable adult who attends our Centre, including the rights to be kept safe and protected from harm, to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to have their own views taken in to consideration in decisions affecting them.

When a child protection or welfare report has to be made to Tusla or the Gardai, the safety and wellbeing of the child or vulnerable adult takes priority over all considerations.

We seek to ensure that no child or vulnerable adult is disadvantaged or treated differently because of age, gender, social or ethnic background, family status, sexual orientation, religion or disability.

Our policy and procedures to safeguard children and young people reflect national policy and legislation and are underpinned by ***Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, DCYA, 2017, Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Practice and Procedure, Tusla, 2108*** and ***Children First Act 2015***.

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