

# Five Lamps Arts Child Protection Policy

The Board of the Five Lamps Arts Festival recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of the festival and must be reflected in all of the festival's policies, practices and activities. Accordingly, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures, the Board the Five Lamps Arts Festival has agreed the following child protection policy:

1. The Board has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures
2. The Designated Liaison Person Roisin Lonergan Artistic Director
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison is Sean Mulchinock
4. In its policies, practices and activities, The Five Lamps Arts Festival will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The festival will

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully cooperate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the festival
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
- The festival will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult with a special vulnerability.

5. This section of the child protection policy should be used to list festival policies, practices and activities that are particularly relevant to child protection (e.g. the Code of Behaviour/Anti-bullying Policy, Supervision of children, Code of Practice for Staff in their Relationship with children, The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place in respect of each of the above listed items.

6. This policy has been made available to festival personnel and and is readily accessible to the public on request.

7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board once a year.

This policy was adopted by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_13th September 2018

Signed: Sean Mulcahy

Signed: D. Flanagan

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