

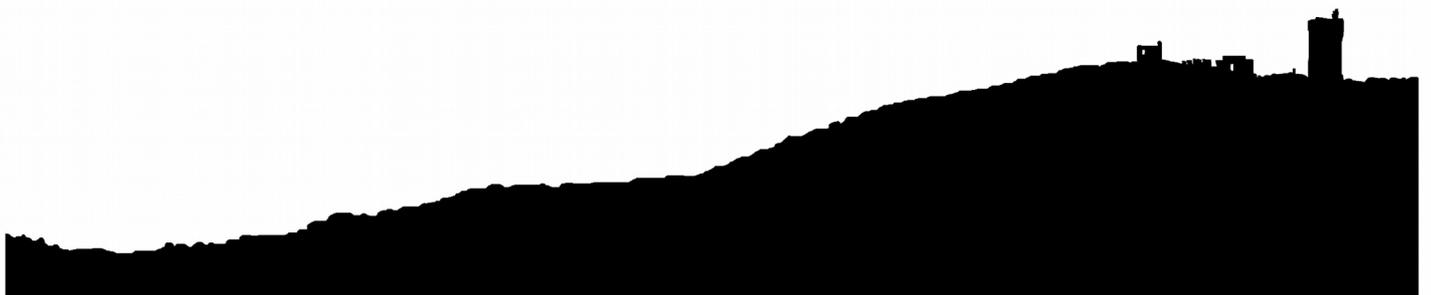


Child Safeguarding Statement

Malin Head Community association Ltd is a grass roots organisation charged with the development and management of the Malin Head Community Centre and outreach programmes. The association is deemed a provider and /or facilitator of of Relevant Services under the Children First Act 2015 In that it provides/accommodates the following services:

- **Pre School (delivered by Playdays)**
- **After school Clubs groups and activities**
- **Hosts the Malin Head Youth-club**
- **Is used by numerous other cultural and sporting groups for (or inclusive of) minors**
- **Hosts regular, annual & One off community events for (or inclusive of) minors**

As an organisation we endeavour to prioritise the safeguarding of children using this facility at all times. We believe that children have a right to be heard, listened to and taken seriously (taking account of their age and understanding), and that they should be consulted and involved in all matters and decision that may affect their lives.





Safeguarding Risk Assessment

As an organisation the Malin Head Community Association has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of ours services or using our facilities including any services provided by our tenants or associated groups or clubs.

Below is a list of some areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk	Mitigation
1	Employees and volunteers	All staff members and volunteers must undergo Garda vetting and safeguarding training
2	Tenants, Clubs & User groups working within the facility	It is the policy of the MHCA that all individuals supervising children while using our facilities must undergo Garda vetting and safeguarding training either through the association or through their own relevant registered organisation.
3	Public Access to Facilities	Public access to areas of the building being used by groups or clubs involving minors is to be restricted and children should be supervised by appropriately vetted and trained adults at all times
4	Scheduling and booking	Where possible and deemed particularly appropriate adult and child services will be separated through the use of scheduling and or by utilising distinct self contained areas within the facility
5	Drop of & Collection	All children should be delivered directly to the supervision of a relevant adult supervisor and be collected from the same in person when attending groups clubs or other activities within the centre.



Safeguarding Procedures

The Malin Head Community Association Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.

In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures and policies support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Internal Reporting Policy & Procedure
- Recruitment Policy
- Training Policy
- External Reporting policy and procedure (Tusla)
- Policy for maintenance of the record of mandated persons.
- Procedure for the appointment of 'A relevant person

All of the above are contained within the:

Malin Head Community Association
'Safeguarding Policies & Procedures 2021' document
which is available from the office upon request.



Implementation of Safeguarding Policies & Procedures

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Malin Head community Association is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our services.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was approved and adopted by unanimous vote at the MHCA Management Committee Meeting on 24th Feb 2021 and will be reviewed by them biannually or earlier, as soon as practicable, if there is a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:  Date: 26/02/21

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