

## **Lantern Arts Centre Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Adults**

The following statement was agreed by the Trustees of the Lantern Arts Centre on 09.07.25

- The Lantern Arts Centre is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults, including those with care and support needs who are involved in the Lantern's work, and ensuring their well-being.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent harm or abuse to children and adults, including those with care and support needs in all their recognised forms.
- We believe every child and adult should be valued, safe and happy.
- We recognise that the personal dignity and rights of adults and children and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We believe all people should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of the organisation.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs.

### **We are committed to:**

- Following statutory guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults and will ensure that as an organisation all workers will work within the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of all relevant legislation including but not limited to; Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023, the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, Equality Act 2010 and referring concerns about adults with care and support needs to the local authority under the Care Act 2014.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Ensuring that everyone agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this organisation.

**We recognise:**

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- Children's Social Care (England, Wales, Scotland), Gateway Services (Northern Ireland) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.

**We will review this statement and our policy annually.**

If you have any concerns for a child or adult, who is not in immediate danger, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as a Safeguarding Lead for the Lantern Arts Centre. In an emergency call 999.

Mick Fuller Safeguarding Officer

A copy of this organisation's policy can be seen on our website.

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Martin Welsh

Signed by Chair of Trustees

Date 09.07.2025