

Creative Village Arts

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

Creative Village Arts has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in CVA activities and premises from harm. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account.

Creative Village Arts will ensure the safety and protection of all children involved in Creative Village Arts activities through adherence to the Child Protection procedures and guidelines adopted by Creative Village Arts. (see **CVA Safeguarding and Child Protection Procedures**)

A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children Act 1989).

Policy aims

The aim of the Creative Village Arts Child Protection Policy is to promote good practice:

- providing children and young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of Creative Village Arts
- allow all staff /volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues.
- Informing all staff/volunteers/artists/groups and Visitors of how to access our porcedures and act accordingly
- To ensure that the policy remains up to date by review and approval at each AGM

Our Poilcy, Procedures and Guidelines have been created in line with the recommendations of the NSPCC, the Child Protection Best Practice Guidelines For Arts Sector Organisations (Arts Council for Northern Ireland) and Charities Commission Givernance Guidleines "Safeguarding Children" (Mar 2009).