

Omeath District Development Company

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The Board of Directors recognises that child and vulnerable persons protection and welfare considerations permeate many aspects of volunteer activities and must be reflected in all of our organisation's policies, practices and activities. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has agreed the following child and vulnerable person protection policy:

1. The Board has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is _____.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is _____.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, our organisation will adhere to the following principles of best practice in the protection and welfare of children and vulnerable persons:
Our organisation will
 - recognise that the protection and welfare of children and vulnerable persons is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
 - fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to vulnerable persons and child protection and welfare matters
 - adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and vulnerable persons and protect volunteers 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/guardians and encourage parental/guardian involvement in the volunteer activities undertaken by their children or charges; and
 - fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with protection matters relating to children and vulnerable persons.

The Board of Directors will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult with a special vulnerability.

5. This policy has been made available to volunteers and is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request.
6. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Directors once in every calendar year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Directors on the ____ day of _____ 20__.

Signed:

Chairperson – Board of Directors

Date:

Signed:

Designated Liaison Person

Date:

Date of next review: -- / -- / --