



National Screen Acting School of Ireland

Child Safeguarding Statement of Bow Street Academy for Screen Acting

1. Name of service being provided: **Teen Screen Acting Classes**
2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm :

Bow Street Academy for Screen Acting is committed to a young-person centred approach in our work. We undertake to provide a safe environment and positive experience, the welfare of the young person being of paramount importance.

We will adhere to *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*.

We have developed policies and procedures to ensure this commitment is enshrined in all aspects of the youth acting. This Welfare and Child Protection Policy gathers all policies and procedures that relate to work with young people. The Management of Bow Street holds ultimate responsibility for the wellbeing of students, teachers and staff. This policy is targeted at all adults involved in Bow Street, be they staff or teachers.

We work with young people aged 12 – 17 yrs activities including:

- Drama Workshops
- Screen Acting Productions
- Rehearsals
- Improvisation
- Filming and reviewing Scenes

3. Risk Assessment

Section 2 of the Children First Act 2015 defines harm as follows: ‘harm means in relation to a child– (a) assault, ill-treatment or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects, or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare, or, (b) sexual abuse of the child.’

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Risk of harm not being recognised by tutors (committee members, leaders, staff or volunteers)	Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
2	Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by tutors	All personnel are provided with procedures for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla. Including information on the role and responsibilities of the Designated Liaison Person and Mandated Persons
3	Risk of young person being harmed by tutor	Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children including procedure for Garda Vetting. Policy for the Supervision/ training and support of staff Code of Behaviour for staff/volunteers
4	Risk of harm due to bullying of a young person	Anti-bullying policy Group Contract for Members
5	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of young people	Policy on Adult/Young People Ratios Code of Behaviour for staff/volunteers
6	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/ communications between tutor and a young person	Policy on Communications with young people Code of Behaviour for Leaders Procedures for Giving Lifts to Young People
7	Risk of harm caused by tutor communicating with young people in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	Policy on Communications with young people
8	Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of images of young people	Policy on Use of Images
9	Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of young people's personal data.	Confidentiality Policy

4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and in line with *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children and young people while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child/ young person availing of our service
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons; Our Mandated Person is Creative Director Shimmy Marcus.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person. The Relevant person of Bow Street is Shimmy Marcus.
- Complaints Policy/Procedures
- Disciplinary/Appeals Procedures
- Procedures for Trips Away/ Residentials
- Policy on including Members aged 18 or over
- Health and Safety Policy and Procedures
- Policy on Informing Parents
- Guidelines on Dealing with Disruptive Behaviour
- Policy on Interagency Cooperation

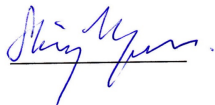
All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service 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 service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on April 2nd 2020 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: (Provider)



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