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Child Safeguarding
Statement and Risk
Assessment

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Summary

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SUMMARY

Makermeet Ireland is a Company Limited by Guarantee and was incorporated in Ireland on 29 July 2019 - registration number 654246.

In accordance with the requirements of the **The Children First Act 2015**, and the **Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children** and **Tusla** guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Directors of Makermeet Ireland CLG have agreed the following Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.



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Personnel

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PERSONNEL

The Directors of Makermeet Ireland CLG are:

Chris Reina

Hassan Dabbagh

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is:

Chris Reina

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is:

Hassan Dabbagh

The registered address for Makermeet Ireland CLG is:

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Makermeet Ireland CLG provide Maker-led, S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) workshops to people of all ages from pre-schoolers to active retired. These workshops often combine the usage of tools and materials to actively engage with the subject matter. 21st Century-skills are both employed and deployed to further cognitive development. The theories around constructivism are woven into all lessons and workshops created as well as using Constructivism to advocate for student-centred, discovery-based learning.

The Directors recognise that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of family, school and educational life. As part of this it is incumbent upon Makermeet Ireland CLG to have this reflected in all of its policies, procedures, practices and activities. Makermeet Ireland CLG will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

Makermeet will:

- I. Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
- II. Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the **Children First Act 2015** and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
- III. Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.
- IV. Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect; develop a practice of openness with teachers, educators and parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The following procedures/measures are in place:

- I. In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending a workshop or guidance in an educational setting, Makermeet adheres to the relevant procedures set out in the **Children First : National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children** document as well as the **Addendum to Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Online Safety**.

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- II. In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, Makermeet adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (**Children and Vulnerable Persons Acts 2012 to 2016**) and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting circulars.
- III. In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the **2015 Act**) Makermeet:
 - A. Has provided each member of staff with a copy of Makermeets Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - B. Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of Makermeets Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - C. Encourages staff to avail of relevant training at the Tulsa Children First E-Learning Programme.
 - D. Ensures all Directors avail of relevant training at the Tulsa Children First E-Learning Programme.
 - E. The Directors maintain records of all staff training.
- IV. In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all Makermeet personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the **Children First : National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children** document as well as the **Addendum to Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Online Safety**.
- V. Makermeet has appointed the above named DLP as the “relevant person” (as defined in the **Children First Act 2015**) to be the first point of contact in respect of the child safeguarding statement.
- VI. All staff members employed by Makermeet are mandated persons under the **Children First Act 2015**.
- VII. In accordance with the **Children First Act 2015** and the **Addendum to Children First (2019)**, the Directors have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending any workshops or participating in Makermeet activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified in Makermeets procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

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Signed:

Chris Reina

Hassan Dabbagh

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CHILD SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT

In accordance with **Section 11** of the **Children First Act 2015**, the following is the written Risk Assessment of Makermeet Ireland CLG.

- I. List of Makermeet activities:
 - A. Makermeet indoor event. (workshop)
 - B. Makermeet outdoor event. (workshop)
 - C. One-to-one facilitation during a workshop event.
 - D. Online event and learning remotely – eg: distance learning (workshop).
 - E. Care of children with special educational needs.
 - F. Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils.
 - G. Administration of medicine.
 - H. Administration of first aid.
 - I. Prevention of - and dealing with - bullying amongst attendee's of a Makermeet event.
 - J. Training of Makermeet personnel on Child Protection matters.
 - K. During event care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities / needs such as:
 - 1. Pupils from ethnic minorities / migrants
 - 2. Members of the Traveller community
 - 3. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) children
 - 4. Pupils perceived to be LGBTQIA+
 - 5. Pupils of minority religious faiths
 - 6. Children with medical needs
 - L. Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils during Makermeet events, including social media.
 - M. Use of video / photography / other media to record Makermeet events.

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- II. Makermeet has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -
- A. Risk of harm not being recognised by Makermeet personnel or external personnel.
 - B. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by Makermeet personnel or external personnel.
 - C. Risk of child being harmed during a Makermeet event by a member of Makermeet.
 - D. Risk of child being harmed during a Makermeet event by another child.
 - E. Risk of child being harmed during a Makermeet event by external personnel.
 - F. Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of online remote teaching and learning communication platform such as an uninvited person accessing the lesson link, students being left unsupervised for long periods of time in breakout rooms etc.
 - G. Risk of harm due to bullying of child.
 - H. Risk of harm due to racism.
 - I. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children during a Makermeet event.
 - J. Risk of harm by unknown adults.
 - K. Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between a child and another child or adult.
 - L. Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing / using computers, social media, phones and other devices during a Makermeet event.
 - M. Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities, including medical vulnerabilities.
 - N. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.
 - O. Risk of harm in one-to-one facilitation.
 - P. Risk of harm due to challenging behaviour.
 - Q. Risk of harm due to Makermeet staff not following policies and procedures.
 - R. Risk of harm caused by member of Makermeet personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.
 - S. Risk of harm caused by member of Makermeet personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.

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- III. Makermeet has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
- A. All Makermeet personnel are provided with a copy of Makermeets Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - B. All Makermeet personnel must undertake Tusla's **Children First E-Learning Programme**.
 - C. Makermeet personnel are required to adhere to the **Children First Act 2015** and its **Addendum (2019)**.
 - D. Makermeet –
 - 1. Provide each member of staff with a copy of Makermeets Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - 2. Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of Makermeets Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - 3. Require all staff to avail of Tusla's **Children First E-Learning Programme**.
 - 4. Maintains records of all staff and Directors training.
 - E. Makermeet maintains -
 - 1. a wellbeing programme for its staff.
 - 2. a vigorous anti-bullying policy.
 - 3. anti-racism awareness initiatives.
 - 4. an equality and diversity policy which adheres to the Workplace Equality Index.
 - 5. adherence to the Migrant Integration Strategy (2017-2020)
 - 6. adherence to the National Disability Inclusion Programme (2017-2021)
 - 7. adherence to the National Strategy for Women and Girls (2017-2020)
 - 8. adherence to the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy (2017-2021)
 - 9. adherence to the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy
 - 10. adherence to the Gender Recognition Act 2015
 - 11. a Health and Safety Policy
 - 12. adherence to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation
 - 13. a code of conduct for Makermeeet personnel

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14. a Special Educational Needs policy
15. procedures for the administration of First Aid
16. clear procedures for workshop and one-to-one facilitation activities

Note: It should be noted that risk in the context of this risk assessment is the risk of “harm” as defined in the **Children First Act 2015** and not general health and safety risk.

In undertaking this risk assessment, Makermeet has endeavoured to identify as far as possible the risks of harm that are relevant to the business and its undertakings and to ensure that adequate procedures are in place to manage all risks identified. While it is not possible to foresee and remove all risk of harm, Makermeet has in place the procedures listed in this risk assessment to manage and reduce risk to the greatest possible extent.

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