



## Child Safeguarding Statement

WWKC provides water sports activities and opportunities for young people through participation in pool sessions, river trips and competitions organised through our club and Canoeing Ireland.

WWKC is committed to safeguarding children. Working under the guidance of the Canoeing Ireland safeguarding policies and relevant legislation, our instructors, coaches and members interacting with our youth members, throughout the club, seek to create a safe environment for young people to enjoy kayaking, canoeing and associated water activities.

WWKC's written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on *10<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, and subsequent acts. In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

WWKC has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by members or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe enrolment of members and volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Relevant Person for WWKC is Marcus McInerney. 086 2399559.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club 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 activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on *10<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

Signed: 

Date: *10/3/2018*

Paul Kerr, (Chairman)

Signed: 

Date: *10/3/2018*

Marcus McInerney, (Child Development and Protection Officer)

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Marcus McInerney (086 2399559)