



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY


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YMCA Lurgan is committed to taking every appropriate step to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the young people with whom it works, regardless of class, gender, race or creed. This policy applies to all children and young people with whom the YMCA is involved with regardless of age.

The supplementary Good Practice Guidelines also outline guidelines for working with young adults.

All YMCA staff and volunteers must be aware of this policy and it is their duty to guarantee its implementation.

“ All children and young people should enjoy YMCA facilities and activities without fear of physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect. ”

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YMCA Lurgan is truly committed to safeguarding the well being of its members, staff and volunteers, who should at all times show, and to be shown, respect and understanding regarding their rights, safety and welfare.



LEGISLATION



The key legislation upon which this policy is based is as follows:



Children (N.I.) Order 1995



Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (N.I.) Order 2003



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults 2017

The policy also follows the Guidelines as led out in



Choosing To Protect



Getting It Right



Our Duty of Care



This statement outlines YMCA Lurgan's Child Protection Policy, pursuant to the Children (NI) Order 1995 dealing with the care and protection of children and young people and is drafted with particular reference to the unique nature and structure of the organisation.



YMCA Lurgan recognises that young people attend YMCA programmes for enjoyment, social contact and personal development. They should not suffer from abuse wherever or however it occurs.



Staff and volunteers who are selected, or appointed to work with children and young people in local Associations, should enjoy their involvement, confident in the knowledge of the existence of clear guidelines and if required, access to good support and advice.

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