

## Child Protection Statement

As Illustrators Ireland does not work directly with Children, Young People or Vulnerable Adults, Illustrators Ireland is not deemed to be a relevant service. However, as Illustrators Ireland recognise the importance of child safety and the Children First Act 2015 the statement below has been adopted:

### Definitions:

**Children and Young People:** Anyone under the age of 18 years

**Vulnerable Adult:** Anyone over the age of 18 who is

- In need of community care services
- Unable to care for themselves
- Unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation

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## Policy

Illustrators Ireland does not work directly with Children, Young People or Vulnerable Adults. However, Illustrators Ireland will look at all event activities and see if an event outside of our policy of not working directly with Children, Young People or Vulnerable Adults poses any

risk to these groups before proceeding further. Illustrators Ireland will then think about the below before taking any action on events outside the policy:

Consider if the event or activity is suitable and how relevant it is to our mandate to represent and support the needs of individual illustrators. If it is considered that the event or activity will add to our mission, Illustrators Ireland will:

1. Identify suitably qualified contractors who are fully compliant with the Child Protection Policies of the commissioning body to deliver the event.
2. and/or Appropriate training will be provided to a member or external party who will potentially come into contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults. The level of training required will be identified in accordance with the responsibilities of the post. Illustrators Ireland will refer to TUSLA resources for up to date information and policies.

In the case members are in circumstances where they may have direct contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults, Illustrators Ireland will ensure that they do not work alone and are accompanied at all times by a person either designated to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, or at the minimum a person of authority representing Illustrators Ireland.

Illustrators Ireland takes no responsibility for members or any illustrator or individual who are not working in an official capacity on behalf of the organisation. However, Illustrators Ireland recognises that its members and other visual artists require guidance and information in the area of Child Protection, and will inform the membership about the TUSLA Children First E-Learning Programme so that artists are fully aware of their responsibilities should they choose to undertake work in this area.

<https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>

This Statement & Policy will be reviewed if circumstances change.

*This policy was adopted on 20th December 2023 by the Board of Directors, Illustrators Ireland.*

