

## Child Safeguarding Statement – Kerry Canoe Club

Kerry Canoe Club provides paddle sports activities and opportunities for young people through participation in club training programs and club trips. These activities take place at our clubhouse, and on various rivers and lakes around county Kerry. Kerry Canoe Club is committed to safeguarding children. By working under the guidance of Canoeing Ireland's Safeguarding Policies, club instructors and volunteers working with junior club members, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

Kerry Canoe Club'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 require 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children and Tusla's Child Safeguarding Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, Kerry Canoe Club will follow Canoeing Ireland procedures that support the intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

The following procedures are in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

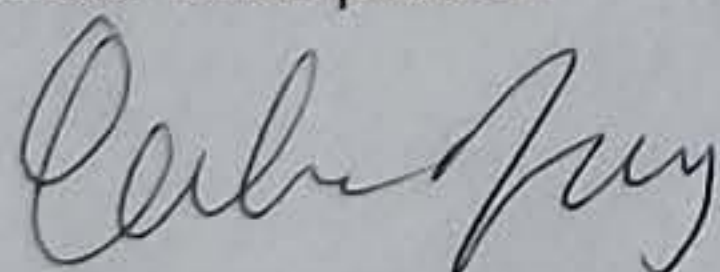
- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by instructors or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of instructors and volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training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

The Mandated/Relevant Person for Kerry Canoe Club is (Designated Liaison Person)

The club committee recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Kerry Canoe 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 May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

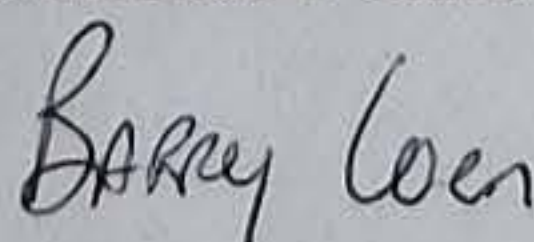
Club Chairperson



Caroline Berry

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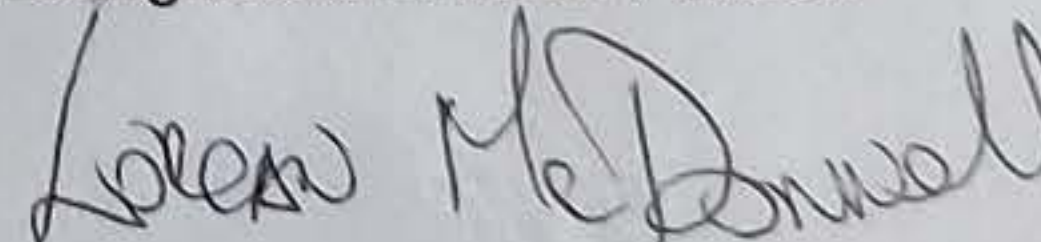
Children's Officer



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Designated Liaison Person



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