SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT
TRINITY VDP – Youth Activity Clubs

SVP provides educational and recreational activities and services to children under 18 years of age nationally through our network of Regions and local Conferences.

SVP is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our national safeguarding policies and procedures. Our members, non-member volunteers and staff are committed to creating a safe environment for children and young people to grow and develop.

Each SVP Children's Activity or Service will conduct a specific written risk assessment and child safeguarding statement in line with Children First Act 2015, Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, NVB Act 2012 and 2016, Children First Guidance 2017 and Tusla Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement.

East Region
Conference: Trinity VDP   **Location:** Trinity College, Dublin 1

Relevant Person: Stephen Day   - **president@trinityvdp.com**   085 8552253

Service description: Trinity VDP operates three youth activity clubs in three locations – Andrew Court Kids Club, Pearse Street Kids Club and the Trinity Youth Club. These clubs offer registered children and young people the opportunity to engage in outings and trips to local venues of interest and also from time to time to undertake indoor activities in Trinity College and SVP's Ozanam House Resource Centre

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The written risk assessment indicates the areas of potential harm, the likelihood of harm occurring, and lists the required policy, guidance, process and practice required to alleviate the risks.

Risks are identified in the following categories:

RISK	RISK LEVEL	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.	Low/Medium	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018 SVP Policy on Recognising and Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable 2019 SVP Volunteer Policy Trinity VDP Volunteer Recruitment & Training Policy Trinity VDP Volunteer & Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct & Behaviour Management Policy. Trinity VDP Critical Incident Policy Trinity VDP Social Media & Phone Use Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook. Trinity VDP Activity Risk Assessment Policy Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy

Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service.	Medium	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018 Trinity VDP Drop off and Collection Policy Trinity VDP Code of Conduct & Behaviour Management Policy. Trinity VDP Critical Incident Policy
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/ stranger/peer.	Low/Medium	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018 SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. 2019 Trinity VDP Registration & Application Policy Trinity VDP Critical Incident Policy Trinity VDP Activity Risk Assessment Policy Trinity VDP Drop off and Collection Policy Trinity VDP Volunteer & Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct & Behaviour Management Policy. Trinity VDP Parent Handbook. Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy
Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.	Low/Medium	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018 Trinity VDP Code of Conduct & Behaviour Management Policy. Trinity VDP Parent Handbook. Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy Trinity VDP Volunteer Agreements
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography.	Low/Medium	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018 Trinity VDP Volunteer & Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct & Behaviour Management Policy. Trinity VDP Social Media & Phone Use Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook. Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy Trinity VDP Complaints and Feedback Policy
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access.	Low/Medium	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018 Trinity VDP Volunteer & Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct & Behaviour Management Policy. Trinity VDP Social Media & Phone Use Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook. Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy Trinity VDP Complaints and Feedback Policy

Reporting Concerns	Low/Medium	SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable 2019 SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018 Trinity VDP Volunteer Recruitment & Training Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook. Trinity VDP Complaints and Feedback Policy DLP FAQ

In addition to this activity's risk assessment the following procedures are in place throughout SVP as part of our safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Procedures for managing allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers or employees against a child availing of our services.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers or employees to work with children in our services.
- Procedures to access child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of persons in the relevant services who are mandated persons.
- Procedures for appointing a relevant person for the purposes of the Statement.

SVP and Trinity VDP Youth Clubs recognise that implementation is an ongoing process and we are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm.

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is: **Stephen Day**

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on: **September 2025**