

# **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups**

## **Policy Statement**

**Waterways Ireland is fully committed to safeguarding the well being and safety of children and vulnerable adults with whom we come in contact with through our work.**

**Waterways Ireland will not tolerate any form of abuse or harm wherever it occurs or whoever is responsible. The organisation is committed to promoting an atmosphere of inclusion, transparency and openness and welcomes feedback from the people who use our services, facilities and our staff with a view to how we may continuously improve our services and activities.**

Through this policy Waterways Ireland aims to uphold these commitments by:

- Adhering to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Policy and ensuring that it is supported by robust procedures;
- Creating and maintaining an environment which aims to ensure, as far as possible, that children and vulnerable adults who take part in our activities or avail of our services are kept safe from abuse and exploitation;
- Adopting best practice standards for dealing with children and vulnerable adults in the work environment;
- Implementing clear procedures to deal with concerns and complaints;
- Providing clear guidance for staff in the application of these practices and procedures.

## **Waterways Ireland Designated Officers**

Designated Officers have been appointed under the Waterways Ireland Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Policy & Procedures.

They are responsible for acting as a source of advice on safeguarding matters, for coordinating action within the organisation and liaising with the relevant health and social services authorities in each jurisdiction and other Agencies, such as the police, about suspected or actual cases of abuse.

They are also responsible for the promotion of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Policy and ensuring that the Policy is supported by robust procedures.

Any incident, suspicion or allegation of abuse of a child or vulnerable adult should be reported immediately to the following officers:

### **Designated Officer**

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### **Assistant Designated Officer**

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