



Safeguarding Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults Policy Statement

Both the GAA and LGFA are committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who wish to participate in our Gaelic Games and activities.

Our Club take all practicable steps to protect them from discernible forms of abuse, from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment and shall respect their rights, wishes and feelings.

We do this by:

- Recognising that all children, young people & vulnerable adults have the right to be protected from harm.
- Ensuring that all our coaches and volunteers are carefully recruited and selected and that they accept responsibility for ensuring the wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults in their care.
- Ensuring all coaches and volunteers are up to date in all current safeguarding training and that all Garda vetting requirements are met.
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to protect the welfare of children and young people who participate in our games and related activities.
- Providing parents, children, young people & vulnerable adults with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have.
- Appointing a Children's Officer in our Club.
- Appointing a Designated Person in our Club, who will liaise with the statutory authorities as appropriate.
- Ensuring that all allegations of abuse of young people, and vulnerable adults, are confidentially dealt with in accordance the Associations Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of our Child Protection and Welfare procedures and policies on an ongoing basis.
- Ensuring that members, coaches, team mentors, administrators, parents/guardians and spectator sign-up to and adhere to our Code of Behaviour.

Both Committees - ARVA GAA & Arva LGFA commit to ensuring that we follow the GAA Our Games Our Code and the GAA Code of Behaviour for all Persons Working with Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

We have nominated the following people in the position of Children's' Officer and Designated Person respectively for both.

Full training has been provided in order to ensure full implementation of the Club Child Protection and Welfare Policy.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Mark Hewitt & Melanie Reilly
Childrens' Officers

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson & Denise Galligan
Designated Persons

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Conal Conneely & Ian Scott
Chairpersons

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Kathleen Whelan & Denise Galligan
Secretaries

Personnel

Arva Men's Club

Childrens Officer – Mark Hewitt
Designated Persons – Chairperson
Chairperson – Conal Conneely
Secretary – Kathleen Whelan

Personnel

Arva Ladies Club

Childrens Officer – Melanie Reilly
Designated Person – Denise Galligan
Chairperson – Ian Scott
Secretary – Denise Galligan