

## Young Person/Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Statement

**Remember Us** provides a unique social outlet to people with special needs and their families in the North County Dublin and surrounding region. It is the families that are the members, this means that not only the individual with special needs benefits from our group but their parents/carers and siblings too.

### **Services we provide:** Weekly clubs and activities

- Cool Kids 4 – 8 year olds (Wednesday & Saturday)
- Cool Dudes 9 – 12 year olds (Wednesday & Saturday)
- Cool Gang 13 – 17 year olds (Thursday & Saturday)
- Cool Rockers 18+ age group (Wednesday, Saturday & 2 Fridays/ month)
- Easter Camp – For 8 days during the Easter Holidays
- 6 week summer programme - 4 days and 1 night each
- 4 family respite breaks away per year – 1 break for 7 nights away and 3 breaks for 4 nights
- A parent / carer respite break away for 2 nights per year Parent / carer information evenings on relevant topics

In accordance with the requirements of the Child First Act 2015, Child First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice; Remember Us has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement as set out.

### *Remember Us:*

- Recognises that the protection and welfare of young people/vulnerable adults is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- Fully complies with its statutory obligations under the Child First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection of children;
- Fully co-operates with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to young people/vulnerable adults protection and welfare matters;
- Adopts safe practices and a Code of Behaviour to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to young people/vulnerable adults and protect workers/volunteers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusation of abuse or neglect ;
- Fully respects confidentiality requirements in dealing with young person/vulnerable adult protection matters

Remember Us has carried out an assessment of any potential risk of harm to a young person/vulnerable adult while availing of our services. Below is a list of some areas of risk identified and procedures for managing these risks:

Risk Identified	Procedure to manage risk
Unsuitable adults having access to young people/vulnerable adults	Garda vetting for all staff, volunteers, CE placements and Tus placements. No volunteer, student or staff will ever be alone and/or unaccompanied with a young person/vulnerable adult.
Risk of inappropriate or abusive behaviour by staff, volunteers, CE placements, Tus placements	Induction for all. Child protection and safeguarding training for all. Clarity of roles for all. Code of Behaviour for all. No volunteer, student or staff will ever be alone and/or unaccompanied with a young person/vulnerable adult.
Inappropriate management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against staff, volunteers, CE placements, Tus placements.	Child protection and safeguarding training for all. Clearly defined child protection policy and HR procedures that include roles and responsibilities of Managers. No volunteer, student or staff will ever be alone and/or unaccompanied with a young person/vulnerable adult.

The following procedures support our intention to safeguard young people/vulnerable adults while they are availing of our services:

- Remember Us procedure for reporting of young person/vulnerable adult protection welfare issues to Tusla
- Remember Us procedure for management of allegations of abuse of misconduct against staff or volunteers, of child/vulnerable adult availing of our services
- Remember Us procedure for provision of, and access to, young person/vulnerable adult safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Remember Us procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with young people/vulnerable adults.

Remember Us is committed to the implementation of this young person/vulnerable adult Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep young people/vulnerable adults safe from harm while availing of our services. If you have any concerns relating to Safeguarding contact our Designated Liaison Person immediately or any of our contact persons listed below:

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The above are Designated Liaison Person and Mandated Persons per the Child First Act 2015.

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