

## **Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Statement and Policy -**

### **Yvon Bonenfant Vocal Art**

Yvon Bonenfant VA is committed to keeping vulnerable adults safe from harm. Yvon Bonenfant VA recognises that the protection and welfare of vulnerable adults is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations. Yvon Bonenfant VA fully complies with its statutory obligations under the relevant legislation<sup>1</sup> relating to the protection of vulnerable adults.

Yvon Bonenfant VA has procedures to keep vulnerable adults safe when they are working on the project. Yvon Bonenfant VA staff and volunteers who work with vulnerable adults and families are Garda vetted, qualified and receive supervision. Additionally, all facilitators are expected to adhere to best practice in their own procedures for workshops and performances. Yvon Bonenfant VA staff, volunteers, and participants discuss and agree on codes of appropriate conduct and adhere to these codes of behaviour. Yvon Bonenfant VA also respects confidentiality requirements in dealing with vulnerable adult protection matters. We listen to vulnerable adults and act on what they say. We respond to all concerns as soon as we are aware of them.

Yvon Bonenfant VA fully co-operates with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to young people/vulnerable adults protection and welfare matters. We adopt safe practices and a Code of Behaviour to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to vulnerable adults and participants and protect staff and volunteers from the need to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusation of abuse or neglect.<sup>2</sup>

We use HSE training systems to ensure that our staff and volunteers know how best to safeguard vulnerable adults. Training records and procedures are kept note of, and all Yvon Bonenfant VA members are both fully trained and inducted into work at any site in which we may interact with vulnerable adults, are given contact persons and guidance as appropriate. At all times, our project prioritises the safety and well-being of all individuals involved, adhering rigorously to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse (2014)

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<sup>1</sup> Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse National Policy and Procedures, HSE policy.  
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/socialcare/safeguardingvulnerableadults/safeguardingvuladts.html>

<sup>2</sup> Additional Resources: Safeguarding Ireland <https://www.safeguardingireland.org/>  
HSE National Safeguarding Office, [safeguarding.socialcare@hse.ie](mailto:safeguarding.socialcare@hse.ie) or Tel: 061 46 1165  
(9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday)  
HSE Information Line on 1800 700 700 (8.00 am to 8.00 pm Monday to Saturday).

National Policy & Procedures. We are committed to creating a safe environment where vulnerable persons are protected from harm and abuse. Our team undergoes training to recognise signs of abuse and respond appropriately, ensuring that every individual is treated with dignity and respect. We maintain open communication channels to address any concerns promptly and effectively, fostering a culture of safeguarding throughout our project. By aligning with national policies and procedures, we uphold the highest standards of care and protection for those we serve.

Our policies are meticulously designed to adhere to national guidelines, ensuring a robust framework for protecting those at risk. Central to our approach is the implementation of rigorous risk assessments for every venue where we operate. These assessments are comprehensive and meticulously conducted, taking into account various factors such as physical environment, potential threats, and vulnerabilities specific to each location. By meticulously evaluating risks and implementing proactive measures, we aim to create a secure environment where vulnerable persons are safeguarded from any form of abuse or harm. Our commitment to stringent risk assessments underscores our dedication to upholding the highest standards of safeguarding practices, promoting a culture of safety and protection for all individuals under our care.

With regards to processes of consent (for participation, for documentation), we fully comply, both ourselves and in interacting with our partner organisations, with the most current relevant legislation and guidance.