

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT for Convenors of Children's Workshops

Children's and young people's participation is a central component of the Nutrition Dialogues, which brings their voices up to global decision-makers. This approach is based on the premise that children will engage in safe spaces where potential risks are appropriately identified and addressed. Hence, all Children's Workshops of the Nutrition Dialogues programme must follow these child safeguarding standards to ensure that children and young people's participation is ethical, safe, inclusive, sensitive to risks and respectful of local values and cultures.

Child Safeguarding Standards

- **Voluntary participation:** Children's participation in the Children's Workshops of the Nutrition Dialogues programme must be voluntary, informed and inclusive.
- **Informed Consent for Child Participation:** All child participants and their parents/guardian must sign the consent forms.
- **Specific consent for safe communications:** It is necessary to collect separate consent from children and parents/guardians to use photos and videos from child participants.
- **Opt-out:** It's crucial to remember that child participants have the right to withdraw their consent at any time for any reason. This respect for their autonomy is a key part of our safeguarding framework.
- **Child Participation Risk Assessment:** The Convenor must consider, prepare for, and protect children and young people from any potential physical, social, or emotional harm that may arise from the Children's Workshop.
- **Child-friendly Safeguarding Awareness-Raising:** The Convenor must inform children about acceptable and unacceptable behaviours while working with children.
- **Reporting mechanism:** The Convenor must establish a reporting mechanism to ensure children can report unacceptable behaviours if they feel uncomfortable.
- **Online Safety:** For online sessions, it's the Convenor's responsibility to share a child-friendly online code of conduct. This code ensures a safe and respectful online environment for all participants.

Related Requirements

1. I am qualified/trained to convene a Children's Workshop
2. I have a clear criminal record
3. I will ensure my event team adheres to the safeguarding standards
4. I will implement child/parent consent forms
5. I will prevent and manage distress responses
6. I will submit this Safeguarding Statement on the Nutrition Dialogues Portal

I, _____, acknowledge the eight safeguarding standards and will satisfy the six requirements to demonstrate my recognition of my responsibility to ensure children are safe before, during and after all Children's Workshops that I engage with.

Convenor Signature:

Date:

Place: