

Title: *Safeguarding Children Workshop*

Duration: 1.5 hours

Summary and Aims of Workshop:

The workshop is an introductory course that aims to promote different means to safeguard children. It is designed to raise awareness to the different types of abuse and the likely signs and indicators of abuse. The workshop also aims to give participants the tools and confidence to deal with a concern, in an appropriate, effective and sensitive manner, should the need arise.

The workshop provides a basic level of knowledge and awareness by making the context as realistic as possible. This is done by drawing on participants' experiences and knowledge as well as on case studies and interactive tasks.

Course Content:

- Introduction to Safeguarding
- What is abuse?
- Signs and Indicators of Abuse
- Poor Practice & Best Practice
- What would be a cause of concern?
- Legislation
- Mandatory reporting
- Vetting of Staff and Volunteers
- Responding to a concern
- NGO's responsibilities to the children they work with
- Communication and Media Guidelines

Learning Objectives:

Through this workshop one will be able to:

- Identify and understand the meaning behind "*Safeguarding*"
- Understanding and name the different categories of abuse
- Recognise the signs and indicators of abuse
- Identify the relevant legislation and guidance to safeguard minors and vulnerable adults
- Identify the barriers that hinder victims from reporting abuse
- Know how to respond to a concern
- Identify good and/or bad practices
- Recognising the legal and ethical responsibilities of NGOs
- Take appropriate action if concerned about possible abuse

Who should apply for the workshop

This workshop is suitable for anyone working with children, in their paid or voluntary work.