



Belong To LGBTQ+
Youth Ireland

Contextual Risk Assessment 2022-2024

Contextual Safeguarding Risks: Contextual risk refers to events, factors or dynamics occurring in the broader environments which affect Safeguarding of LGBTQ+ Young People YP (media, education, health, training, housing, sports, and judicial system)

Name of organisation: BeLonG To

BeLonG To has completed a contextual risk assessment of the potential for harm to child, young people and vulnerable young adults that are engaged in the organisation and maintains a risk register in relation to this. Furthermore, we capture issues presented through HOMES (Salesforce Database).

Harm in this context is related to assault, ill-treatment or neglect of the child, young person or vulnerable adult that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child, young person's or vulnerable young adults' health, development or welfare, or sexual abuse of the child or young person.

This register identifies all risks of harm to children, young people, and vulnerable young adults in BeLonG To and lists the procedures, policies, programmes and practices that mitigate against and help reduce or eliminate these risks. To the right is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of the main procedures in BeLonG To for mitigating against these risks.

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Overall Mitigating Procedures in Place Relating to All Risks	Is the hazard present ? Y/N	What is the risk?	Mitigating Procedures in Place Relating to a Specific Risk
Child Safeguarding Statement	Y	Risk of Assault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessment for Venues, Events and Trips. • Group Contracts and Rules.
Child Protection Policy and Guidelines	Y	Risk of Ill Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints Policy and Procedures • BeLonG To Stand Up program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BeLonG To 'In The Know' program
Codes of Conduct for Board, Staff and Volunteers	Y	Risk of Ill Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety Policy and statements • BeLonG To Insurance Information Policy • BeLonG To Child Protection Policy.
Media Campaigns	Y	Risk of Homophobia/ Transphobia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Strategy • Media Panel • Wellbeing Program

BeLonG To Procedures

In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following BeLonG To procedures support our intention to safeguard children, young people, and vulnerable young adults while they are availing of our services:

- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the people in BeLonG To who mandated persons are
- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct, against staff or volunteers, of a child or young person availing of our services