



Atlantic Technological University (ATU)

Child Safeguarding Statement



Atlantic Technological University (ATU) is one of Ireland's largest Higher Education Institutions providing third level education. The facilities of ATU are also accessed by the wider community for sporting and cultural events.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document, which is binding on all members of ATU.

Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

ATU recognises the importance of child protection and welfare considerations in relation to university life and that these must be reflected in all policies, procedures, practices, and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices, and activities, ATU will adhere to the following principles of best practice:

ATU will:

- Recognise that protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the relevant legislation relating to protection and welfare of children.
- Fully co-operate with the statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and to protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse and neglect.
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

ATU will also adhere to the above principles in relation to vulnerable adults.

Risk Assessment

In preparing this statement we have completed a risk assessment of the potential for harm to children when engaging with ATU Sligo. A more comprehensive risk assessment is included in the [Child, Young and Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy](#). General risks identified and the policies that address those are as follows:

ATU Child Protection Policy

Procedure and Guidelines for Working Safely with Children

Procedure for Responding to and Reporting Child Protection Concerns

Procedure for Child Protection Allegations Involving ATU Members

Details of Personnel to Contact if you are Concerned about the Welfare and Safety of Children:

If you have a safeguarding concern or wish to report an allegation of child abuse, please contact our Designated Liaison Officer (DLO) or one of our Deputy Designated Liaison Officers.

Designated Liaison Person

- ATU Maura Finnegan, 071 9305309

Deputy Designated Liaison Persons

- ATU Connemara Paul Leamy, 091 742655
- ATU Donegal (Killybegs) Nicola Dunnion, 074 9186645
- ATU Donegal (Letterkenny) Rory McMorro, 074 9186810
- ATU Galway (Cluain Mhuire) Celine Curtin, 091 7454408
- ATU Galway (Dublin Road) Debbie Molloy, 091 742596
- ATU Mayo Justin Kerr, 094 9043249
- ATU Mountbellew Edna Curley, 09096 79205
- ATU Sligo Gerry Hegarty, 071 9305126
- ATU St. Angela's Amanda McCloat, 071 9143580

Review

This Statement will be reviewed in line with the Child Protection Policy or as soon as is practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers



Ráiteas um Chosaint Leanaí

Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh (OTA)



Tá Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh (OTA) ar cheann de na hInstitiúidí Ardoideachais is mó in Éirinn a chuireann oideachas tríú leibhéal ar fáil. Bíonn fáil ag an bpobal ar áiseanna OTA freisin le haghaidh imeachtaí spóirt agus cultúrtha a reáchtáil.

De réir ceanglais an Achta um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015, tá Tús Áite do Leanaí: Treoir Náisiúnta um Chosaint agus Leas Leanaí 2017 tar éis a bhfuil leagtha amach sa doiciméad seo, an Ráiteas um Chosaint Leanaí, a aontú agus é ina cheangal ar gach ball den OTA.

Prionsabail chun Leanaí a Chosaint ó Dhochar

Aithníonn OTA an tábhacht a bhaineann le cúrsaí cosanta agus leasa leanaí mar chuid de shaol na hollscoile agus nach mór iad seo a léiriú i ngach polasaí, nós imeachta, cleachtas agus gníomhaíocht. Cloífidh OTA, ina pholasaithe, nósanna imeachta, cleachtais agus gníomhaíochtaí, leis na prionsabail dea-chleachtais seo a leanas:

Déanfaidh OTA na nithe seo a leanas:

- Aithneofar go bhfuil cosaint agus leas leanaí thar a bheith tábhachtach, beag beann ar gach breithniú eile.
- Cloífead go hiomlán le dualgais reachtúla faoin reachtaíocht ábhartha a bhaineann le cosaint agus leas leanaí.
- Comhoibriú go hiomlán leis na húdaráis reachtúla maidir le cúrsaí cosanta agus leasa leanaí.
- Glacfar cleachtais shábháilte chun an fhéidearthacht go dtarlódh dochar nó timpistí do leanaí a laghdú agus chun oibrithe a chosaint ón ngá le rioscaí nach bhfuil gá leo a ghlacadh, rioscaí a d'fhéadfadh baol líomhaintí mí-úsáide agus failí a chruthú.
- Meas iomlán a bheith ar riachtanais rúndachta agus tú ag déileáil le cúrsaí cosanta leanaí.

Cloífidh OTA leis na prionsabail thuasluaite freisin i dtaobh daoine fásta leochaileacha.

Measúnú Riosca

Agus an ráiteas seo á ullmhú againn tá measúnú riosca curtha i gcrích ar an bhféidearthacht go ndéanfaí dochar do leanaí agus iad in OTA agus mar fhreagra air sin tá an polasaí agus na nósanna imeachta seo a leanas forbartha againn:

Polasaí um Chosaint Leanaí OTA

Nós Imeachta agus Treoirlínte maidir le hOibriú go Sábháilte le Leanaí

Nós Imeachta le Freagairt agus Tuairisciú ar Imní maidir le Cosaint Leanaí

Nós Imeachta do Líomhaintí maidir le Cosaint Leanaí a bhaineann le dream de chuid OTA

Sonraí an té le teagmháil a dhéanamh leis/léi má tá inní ort faoi Leas agus Sábháilteacht Leanaí:

Má tá inní ort faoi chosaint nó más mian leat líomhain mí-úsáide leanaí a thuairisciú, déan teagmháil leis an Teagmhálaí Ainmnithe nó le duine de na Leas-Teagmhálaithe Ainmnithe.

Teagmhálaí Ainmnithe

- OTA Maura Finnegan, 071 9305309

Leas-Teagmhálaithe Ainmnithe

- OTA, Conamara Paul Leamy, 091 742655
- OTA, Dún na nGall (Na Cealla Beaga) Nicola Dunnion, 074 9186645
- OTA, Dún na nGall (Leitir Ceanainn) Rory McMorrow, 074 9186810
- OTA, Gaillimh (Cluain Mhuire) Celine Curtin, 091 7454408
- OTA, Gaillimh (Br. Bhaile Átha Cliath) Debbie Molloy, 091 742596
- OTA, Maigh Eo Justin Kerr, 094 9043249
- OTA, An Creagán Edna Curley, 09096 79205
- OTA, Sligeach Gerry Hegarty, 071 9305126
- OTA, Coláiste San Aingeal Amanda McCloat, 071 9143580

Athbhreithniú

Déanfar athbhreithniú ar an Ráiteas seo, ar aon leis an bPolasaí um Chosaint Leanaí nó a luaithe is indéanta tar éis athrú ábhartha a bheith tagtha ar aon ábhar dá dtagraíonn an ráiteas seo.