

Health & Safety

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

COUNTY ROSCOMMON DISABILITY SUPPORT GROUP CLG

County Roscommon Disability Support Group CLG recognises that it has responsibilities under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (General Applications) Regulations 2007 to 2016 and current health and safety legislation for the health and safety of its workforce whilst at work and others who could be affected by its work activities. We will assess the hazards and risks faced by our workforce in the course of their work and take action to control those risks to an acceptable, tolerable level.

Our managers and supervisors are made aware of their responsibilities and required to take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our workforce and anyone else likely to be affected by the operation of our business.

This business intends meeting its legal obligations by providing and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment so far as is reasonably practicable. This will be achieved by;

- the provision of health and safety leadership in identifying and controlling health and safety risks so identified;
- consultation with our employees on matters affecting their health and safety;
- the provision and maintenance safe plant and equipment;
- ensuring the safe handling and use of substances;
- providing information, instruction, training where necessary for our workforce, taking account of any who do not have English as a first language;
- making sure that all workers are competent to do their work, and giving them appropriate training;
- the prevention of accidents and cases of work related ill health;
- the active management and supervision of health and safety at work issues;
- having access to competent advice;
- the provision of the necessary resource required to make this policy and our health and safety arrangements effective;
- aiming for a continuous improvement in our health and safety performance and management through a process of regular audit and review; and
- reviewing this policy and associated arrangements on a periodic basis using findings from the audit process, staff consultations and incident investigation to guide change.

We also recognise;

- our duty to co-operate and work with other employers when we work at premises or sites under their control to ensure the continued health and safety of all those at work; and
- our duty to co-operate and work with other employers and their workers, when their workers come onto our premises or sites to do work for us, to ensure the health and safety of everyone at work.

To help achieve our objectives and ensure our employees recognise their duties under health and safety legislation whilst at work, we will also remind them of their duty to take reasonable care for themselves and for others who might be affected by their activities. These duties are explained on first employment at induction and also set out in an Employee Safety Handbook, given to each employee, which sets out their duties and includes our specific health and safety rules. In support of this policy a responsibility chart and more detailed arrangements have been prepared.

SIGNATURE: *J. P. Ganley* DATE: 22/7/2021

POSITION: Chairperson



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