

Interim Guidance for Members who volunteer/work with other organisations. (July 2015)

The Regional Director in consultation with his Regional Council is responsible for assigning Columban members to a particular ministry.

Should a member of the Irish Region wish to work in a particular Diocese or any other organisation he is required to seek the permission of the Regional Director prior to making any commitment to this work.

Safeguarding.

The Region of Ireland has implemented a Safeguarding Policy & Procedures and all Society members, staff and volunteers are required to comply with this policy, and procedures and practices as set out in the document.

Columban Members assigned to dioceses or any other organisation will comply with the safeguarding policies, procedures and code of practice of the organisation.

To ensure best practice and the safety of children/vulnerable adults the Regional Director will be required to satisfy himself and to confirm that the particular organisation has a comprehensive/approved safeguarding policy and procedures. The Regional Director should obtain verification in writing where necessary from the organisation that such policies and practices are in place and comply with National Guidance and the statutory authorities

Insurance

The organisation should also be requested to demonstrate that it has adequate insurance in place to deal with any claims that may arise as a result of any act or omission by the member during his work with them and a guarantee that the Society will not be held liable for any claims made against the organisation.

The Safeguarding committee will review this interim guidance in 2016.

* Any members presently volunteering/working with any organisation that does not have a comprehensive safeguarding policy approved by the statutory authorities/National Board for Safeguarding Children in Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) should seek guidance from the Columban Safeguarding Officer, Region of Ireland.