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# The No Name! Club

## Smoking Policy

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## **No Name! Club Mission Statement**

*'No Name! Clubs respect the dignity, value and uniqueness of all young people by supporting, advocating and helping to safeguard their right to enjoy life, feel respected and to mature without a reliance on alcohol and other drugs'.*

### **Introduction**

No Name! Club is a National Volunteer led Youth Organisation founded in 1978 with clubs throughout the country. No Name! Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 years- 18 years who come together in a safe and lively environment where there is fun, friendship and enjoyment without the pressure of alcohol or other drugs.

No Name! Club is currently funded through: The Department of Children & Youth Affairs and The Health Service Executive.

### **Background**

The No Name! Club was formed in Kilkenny in 1978. It was founded by Fr. Tom Murphy, Eddie Keher and Eamonn Doyle. It sought to provide an alternative to the pub culture and to give young people an opportunity to enjoy themselves in a social setting without the dutch courage which some people believe is given by alcohol.

The format of an evening centred on cabaret, dancing and a disco in comfortable surroundings with a wide range of non-alcoholic cocktails and drinks. Central to the idea was the significant involvement of young people in planning and running the events of the night in co-operation with the adult committee – all of them working on a voluntary basis.

The provision of cabaret was an early idea so they tried a competition format based loosely on the Tops of the Town and this became very successful. Immense crowds turned up each night and many had to be turned away because there was no room. Companies began to pour more and more money into the preparation of the cabaret acts.

The club became, in a sense, a victim of its own success, eventually only those groups who spent a lot of money on their acts could hope to win. The Tops of the Town idea had to be abandoned and the club had to take a new direction so in the 1980's the focus changed entirely to young people and the organisation as it is today began to evolve.

**The work done with Hosts and Hostesses in No Name! Clubs complements their formal education using a combination of character building and personal development models of Youth work.**

## **Context**

**Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures:** National Policy Framework for Children and Young People sets out the Government's agenda and priorities in relation to children and young people aged under 25 years up to 2020.

This Policy Framework has adopted an outcomes approach, based on five national outcomes for children and young people. These outcomes state that they:

1. Are active and healthy, with positive physical and mental wellbeing.
2. Are achieving their full potential in all areas of learning and development.
3. Are safe and protected from harm.
4. Have economic security and opportunity.
5. Are connected, respected and contributing to their world.

**Public Health (TOBACCO) Act, 2002**

**Tobacco Free Ireland, Department of Health 2013**

**No Name! Club will continue to work with all agencies to support and complement this policy and to provide our Hosts and Hostesses with the best possible positive options while safeguarding our unique ethos and approach.**

## Smoking Policy

The Executive Programme Manager and the Board of the No Name! Club recognise the importance of Health and Welfare, to all hosts and hostesses, volunteers and employees in the successful conduct of its business and this Statement outlines the policy of the No Name! Club for ensuring so far as is reasonably practicable, the Health and Welfare of those involved.

- The No Name! Club will comply with the requirements of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002 and all other statutory requirements, national standards and codes of practice.
- Smoking is prohibited in all buildings being used for No Name! Club events/activities, including head office, in accordance with legislation under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002.
- Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and vaping is prohibited in all buildings being used for No Name! Club events/activities, including head office.
- All people, especially Hosts and Hostesses who do not wish to smoke not only have a right to be safeguarded from pressures or encouragements to smoke, but to be supported in their non-smoking behaviour.
- Tobacco cessation and awareness programmes, referrals, and resources will be made available to all who desire to stop using tobacco. The No Name! Club believes in accompanying our Hosts and Hostesses, Staff and our Volunteers who wish to cease smoking towards these objectives.
- No Name! Club will promote Health and wellbeing at all its activities and endeavours.

## **Policy Enforcement**

### **Everyone's responsibility**

- Encourage members to remind others of the policy

### **Consistency**

- Make a firm commitment to enforce the policy consistently. Expect some people to “test” enforcement of the new policy. Remember that consistent enforcement sends a clear message about the importance of the policy.

### **Proactive, clear and consistent communication**

- Post the written policy and signage to read. Announce the policy at events, put information about the policy in programmes and newsletters. Mention tobacco-free policies at orientation and point out the tobacco-free policies during the employee hiring or contracting process.

### **Positive message**

- Present the policy in a positive light while at the same time acknowledging that people may find it initially challenging. Emphasise the health, academic and social benefits of a tobacco-free space. Encourage all to make responsible decisions about the health of their bodies and to have respect for others by not using tobacco.

### **Focus on behaviour**

- Focus on the use of tobacco as an unhealthy behaviour – not on the user. Make sure no one is alienated because of their tobacco use.

## **References**

- Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: National Policy Framework for Children and Young People. Department of Children and Youth Affairs 2015
- Public Health (TOBACCO) Act, 2002



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