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The Lisa Maria Foundation is pleased to see that the decision has been taken to ban an art teacher, from teaching after he was convicted for sexually abusing one of his 12 year old students.

Measures such as this ban, echo a zero tolerance policy to abuse and further protect children and youth from further abuse by convicted individuals. All organisations working with children and youth should have all measures in place to ensure that anyone who is convicted of abuse of a minor should have no further access to either work or volunteer with minors, so such a ban leaves no instance where this can occur.

Safeguarding children is a responsibility which goes beyond having policies and procedures in place, but rather which incorporates measures engrained in every day practice. It also requires national attention supported by a national safeguarding policy, water-tight vetting procedures and with safeguarding training for all those in direct contact with children and youth, whether through paid employment or voluntary work.

The Lisa Maria Foundation extends its heartfelt thoughts to the minor and her family effected by this incident and we sincerely hope that they receive support required to help them on their healing journey.