



## **Applying for a position of board member of the Irish Advocacy Network, 2023.**

### **The Organisation:**

**Mission:** To be an Island wide, independent, peer run, peer led, organisation that empowers people experiencing mental health challenges to improve the quality of their lives through advocacy, support, training and development

**Values:** Person Centred, Respect, Empathy, Support, Non-Judgemental and Authentic

**Objectives:** Where everyone experiencing Mental Health Challenges feels empowered to create their own futures.

### **The Role:**

The Board of the Irish Advocacy Network is seeking several individuals with proven knowledge and experience in at least one or more of the following areas:

- Accounting
- Communication Skills
- Human Resources
- Public Relations
- Funding Opportunities
- Administrative Systems
- Group Facilitation
- Law
- Supervisory Management

It is a requirement that all candidates applying have had or continue to have direct experience with mental health and an understanding of the nature of the organisation's services. Please note that the position as a member of the Board of Directors for the Irish Advocacy Network is a voluntary role so no payment for your time to contribute to its business will be received.

### **General Trustee duties of a Charity Trustee**

- Comply with the Charity's governing document.
- Ensuring the charity is complying with its charitable purpose for the public benefit.
- Acting in the best interest of the charity.
- Act with Reasonable Care and Skill.
- Manage the assets of the charity.

## **Responsibilities will include the following:**

- To have a deep insight into all Financial policies and controls.
- To have oversight of compliance and risk management in the organisation.
- The successful individual may be appointed to the Governance committee of the organisation. Their role will be to evaluate and monitor the adequacy of Financial controls and procedures and ensure the organisation is compliant with best practice principles.
- To be an authorised signatory of the Charity.

## **Board Meetings:**

The board meets approximately every six weeks. There is a potential to join sub-committees of the board with similar arrangements. Meetings will be held remotely or face to face, typically in the premises of the Irish Advocacy Network in Cork Street, Dublin 8. You must be dependable and reliable in attending board meetings and demonstrate consistency in your participation and contribution to board business.

## **Desirable Criteria for members of the Board of directors of the Irish Advocacy Network:**

A fully qualified individual in any of the following areas - Accounting, Human Resources, Public Relations or Law. This would ideally be supplemented with experience working with or for the Charitable sector, minimum 3 years' experience, preferably with sufficient knowledge of mental health support services.

Interviews will be conducted by senior members of the Irish Advocacy Network. Several individuals will be chosen to fill positions on its Board of Directors.

## **How do I apply?**

Send the following to: [admin@irishadvocacynetwork.com](mailto:admin@irishadvocacynetwork.com):

1. A brief description why you want to take up the position as board member of the Irish Advocacy Network and why you think you meet the criteria above.
2. A curriculum Vitae

Applications will close, 5pm Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

We intend to shortlist applications and run interviews early to mid-September, 2023.

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