

Irish Architecture Foundation

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The Irish Architecture Foundation seeks three new Board Members.

Context

Established in 2005, the Irish Architecture Foundation is Ireland's independent organisation that fosters and advances the culture and communication of architecture. With a focus on public audiences, the IAF is core-funded by the Arts Council, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Office of Public Works, and Dublin City Council. The IAF further enjoys support from a range of other government agencies and private individuals and groups. Across an increasingly diverse range of events, programmes and exhibitions, the IAF partners with individuals, organisations, government agencies, education institutions and civil society groups to ensure that for audiences our work builds civic pride and action, is impactful and transformative. Based in Dublin, the IAF has a national remit and delivers annually a range of initiatives and events across Ireland and internationally.

Role Description

Being a Board member of the IAF involves the following:

- Attending quarterly Board meetings and an Annual General Meeting.
- Supporting the Director and staff team regarding strategic issues facing the organisation throughout the year.
- Attending a reasonable number of IAF events across Ireland.
- From time to time advising 1:1 with the Director on strategic aspects of the IAF.
- Taking an active role in ensuring sustainability and growth of the organisation by supporting fundraising efforts.
- Participating in one of the IAF sub-committees, e.g., Finance & Admin, Governance & HR, Education, and Strategic & Capital Development, and (from 2024) Audience Inclusion.
- Championing the organisation and its programmes across your national and international networks.

Following a skills audit of our current board and considering the strategic and audience development envisioned over the next decade, we are particularly interested in candidates with experience in one or more of the following:

- Community based or socially engaged architecture or cultural practice.
- Strategic and/or digital communications.
- Fundraising, particularly regarding capital projects.
- Exhibitions and Curatorial practice in architecture or related fields.

Board Values

The Irish Architecture Foundation is committed to maintaining a board that broadly reflects the diversity of Ireland. We therefore seek to identify candidates' suitability in relation to a range of protected characteristics, including age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and socio-economic background. To that end candidates are invited to support their letter of application with a brief statement outlining their life experience. The IAF also encourages candidates located outside of Dublin and/or Ireland to consider applying.

Time Commitment

Board members are expected to attend quarterly Board Meetings. It is anticipated that Board members participate for 3 years on the Board. Following this, Board members may choose to renew their commitment for a further 3 years or step down.

Remuneration

As is standard not-for-profit Boards, the appointment is unremunerated, but reasonable expenses incurred will be paid when carrying out IAF-related duties.

Location

The Irish Architecture Foundation is located on 15 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1. Board meetings are held in person. Board members will be required to attend in person as often as possible, but hybrid participation in meetings is possible and applicants from those residing outside Dublin who feel they have something to contribute to the future of the IAF are thus encouraged.

Application Process

Applications should complete the online form [here](#).

In addition, applicants are also required to email a short letter of application to info@architecturefoundation.ie.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to meet representatives of the IAF Board to discuss the work of the charity and their background.

Deadline for application is **strictly Friday 8 March at 18.00 GMT.**

Further Information

If you have any questions about the role, please write to info@architecturefoundation.ie.

For further information on the Irish Architecture Foundation, please visit our website at www.architecturefoundation.ie or download our strategic plan, [Shaping Our Future](#).