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Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors, The Irish Museums Association Ltd.

The Irish Museums Association Ltd. (IMA) is inviting nominations from members living or working in Ulster and Connaught to fill vacancies on its Board of Directors—the governing body responsible for the oversight and strategic vision of the Association.

Nomination Period: The nominations window is now open and will close on 07 May 2025 (extended deadline).

Vacancies: Two vacancies open to members based in Ulster; one vacancy open to members based in Connaught.

About the Irish Museums Association

The Irish Museums Association represents and advocates for the museum sector across Ireland. It identifies sectoral challenges and opportunities, supports best practice, and promotes the role of museums in society through a programme of work structured around three pillars:

- Information and Dissemination – Acting as a key point of contact for the sector, sharing information, and commissioning and collating original research.
- Continued Professional Development – Delivering training and knowledge-sharing initiatives to strengthen practice across all types of museums.
- Advocacy – Representing the sector at national and international levels and advising on policy and related matters affecting museums.

IMA Membership is open to all those working in, associated with, or holding a professional interest in the museum sector.

Organisational Structure

Established in 1977, the IMA became a non-profit company limited by guarantee in 2006. Its operations are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and it adheres to the Charities Regulator's Governance Code.

Learn more about our governance here: <https://irishmuseums.org/text-pages/governance>

The IMA is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Heritage Council. The organisation is staffed by one full-time and one, temporary, part-time member.

Candidate Profile

The IMA is seeking strategic, committed and knowledgeable individuals to guide the Association through its next phase of development.

The Board seeks to reflect the diversity of the museum sector in terms of geography, institution type, and professional expertise. For this election:

- Two positions are open to members living or working in Ulster
- One position is open to members living or working in Connaught

Particular consideration will be given to candidates with experience in Policy development and implementation; Independent, community, or volunteer-led museum practice; or Commercial strategy and business planning.

Candidates should demonstrate a strong understanding of the museum and wider cultural sectors, and a commitment to the all-island nature of the IMA.

Board members are expected to:

- Comply with the IMA's governance responsibilities and charters
- Contribute to advocacy and outreach efforts
- Attend regular board meetings (five per year)
- Participate in at least one board committee (meeting quarterly)

This is a voluntary, non-remunerated role.

Commitment to Diversity

The IMA welcomes nominations from all sections of the community and is committed to improving the diversity of its Board. We particularly encourage applications from individuals and communities currently underrepresented in the cultural heritage sector.

Elected candidates will be required to sign the IMA's Code of Conduct before appointments are confirmed.

Terms of Appointment

- Term: Three years, commencing July 2025.
- Maximum re-appointment: Three terms.

Nomination Process

To submit your ballot via online form, click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/xXPEruAZA2>

To request a word document form, please email: director@irishmuseums.org

- Candidates must be IMA members in good standing.
- Each nomination must be supported by another IMA member.
- Completed forms must include a personal statement and be submitted by 07 May 2025 (extended deadline).

Election Process

- Voting will take place online from 13 May to 27 May
- It is anticipated that results will be announced no later than 14 June 2025

Contact

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