

VACANCY (x 2), Board of Directors, Irish Museums Association (IMA).

Advertised: Monday, 19 April 2022

The Irish Museums Association (IMA, is inviting nominations to the board of directors, the body responsible for the governance and vision of the Association.

The window for receipt of nominations from IMA members is now open, closing 22 May 2022.

About the IMA

The IMA represents and advocates for the improvement of museum provision and practice in Ireland, identifying and advising on matters of concern to the museum community. Its programmes are organised under three main pillars:

- Information and Dissemination. Providing an internal and external point of contact for the Irish museum sector. Collating and commissioning original research.
- Continued Professional Development. Training and knowledge exchange programming for the improvement of museum provision and practice across Ireland.
- Advocacy. Representing the Irish museum sector nationally and internationally and advising on matters of concern to the museum community.

Membership of the IMA is open to all those working in, associated with, or with a professional interest in museums.

Organisational Structure

The IMA was founded in 1977 and registered in 2006 as a non-profit company limited by guarantee. The conduct of our organisation is governed by our Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is compliant with the CRA Governance Code. See <https://irishmuseums.org/text-pages/governance> for more details.

The IMA receives funding from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media and the Heritage Council of Ireland. It is managed by a full-time and a temporary (part-time) member of staff.

Candidate Profile

The IMA is seeking strategic, experienced, talented and engaged board members who can advise and guide the association to the next stage of its development.

The board of directors aims to be representative of a wide range of institutions, skills and geographical locations. Of particular interest will be applications from candidates with the following skills or expertise:

- Policy development and implementation
- Independent, community and/or volunteer museum sector expertise
- Commercial and business planning

Candidates will be knowledgeable of the museum and related cultural sectors and frameworks. They will understand and be committed to the all-island nature of the IMA.

Board members should expect to devote time to attend regular board meetings, to participating in various committees, to contribute to advocacy efforts, and to adhere to the board's responsibilities and charters.

The IMA welcomes applications from all sections of the community. We are committed to seeking to improve our position on Board diversity and we particularly encourage applications from members of groups who are underrepresented in the cultural sector.

Terms:

- Elected candidates will serve an initial three-year term, commencing July 2022.
- Board members are expected to attend five board meetings each year and two committee meetings. The overall time commitment is approximately 24 hours per annum.
- This role is a voluntary position and is not remunerated.

Nomination process:

Nomination forms can be requested by emailing office@irishmuseums.org.

Candidates must be IMA members and their nomination supported by one other IMA member, also in good standing.

Candidates must complete the form, including a personal statement, and return this to office@irishmuseums.org by midnight, 22 May 2022.

Election of the directors will take place online, with the window running from 30 May – 20 June 2022.

Candidates will be notified of the vote result within five days of closure of the window. Elected candidates will be required to sign the IMA's code of conduct before the result is confirmed.

Please contact Gina O'Kelly, on (01) 87 279 0518 or the Chair of the Board of Directors, Audrey Whitty, on chair@irishmuseums.org should you wish to discuss your nomination. All enquiries will be confidential.

Timescale for 2022 election:

- 19 April 2022: Opening of board election applications window
- 22 May 2022: Deadline for nominations
- 30 May 2022: Voting opens
- 20 June 2022: Voting closes
- 29 June 2022 (TBC): Announcement of election results.