

FINANCE FOR BOARD MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BODIES

Tuesday, 5th July 2016, 9.30am – 12.30pm

**A Governance Forum Workshop at the Institute of Public Administration
57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.**



The board members of a public body must ensure that there is proper financial reporting and a system of internal financial control in place. While all board members are unlikely to be financial experts, they are collectively responsible for the production of the statutory accounts and meeting reporting and disclosure requirements. This workshop will assist board members and other senior executives to understand the key concepts and issues which arise in the review of the financial reports and systems in a public interest body.

The issues to be addressed will include:

- What are the board's responsibilities?
- What are the particular features of public sector financial reporting?
- How can a board provide assurance that the financial statements meet the requirements under the *Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies*?
- What information should the board receive from the executive?
- What are the key issues around finance that a board member should be aware of?

This workshop will combine an overview of key financial concepts and discuss how the person who is not expert in finance or accounting can play an effective role in the oversight and discussion of financial procedures.

The workshop will be run in an interactive format. The emphasis will be on putting concepts in a topical and relevant context. Participants will be involved in the discussion of case examples based on actual issues which have arisen.

SPEAKER PROFILES



Noreen Fahy, FCCA, is the Senior Finance and Governance Specialist with the IPA. Noreen is a non-executive member and chairperson of several Audit Committees of Public Bodies and also works with the Boards of public bodies in an advisory capacity. Noreen's experience spans both the Private and Public sectors.



Paul Turpin manages the Governance Forum and the State Chairperson's Forum at the IPA. Paul has served as a board member and chairperson of public, private and non-profit bodies. He is a non-accountant who has often shared responsibility for financial oversight.

Time & Location

This workshop will take place on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at the IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

Registration and coffee from 9:00am- the workshop will commence at 9.30am and conclude by 12.30pm.

Cost and Bookings

Members of the Governance Forum may nominate up to three participants to the workshop without charge. The cost for additional nominees is €100 per person. The cost for non-forum members is €140 per person. Bookings can be made using the booking form or by contacting Jane Greer (jgreer@ipa.ie) or Paul Turpin (pturpin@ipa.ie).