

Charities, Non-Profits and Funders - Governance Culture, Values and Behaviour

Thursday, 3 May 2018 - 8.00am – 10.30am

Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62

A light breakfast will be served at 8am and the proceedings will commence at 8.30am



Against a backdrop of severe reputational damage linked to recent high-profile governance failures, the charity sector is doing much to repair its standing with both the communities it serves and with the donors that provide its funding. This briefing will explore the current governance and ethical challenges for the non-profit sector and consider the relationship with the public sector as a regulator and as a source of funds. The presentations will provide an overview of the sector, starting with an insight into a nearby jurisdiction (Northern Ireland) and the concrete steps taken by the regulator to promote good governance and ethical practices within the not-for-profit sector. The perspective from a large Irish charitable organisation will then allow for reflection around the many compliance requirements faced by organisations and the necessity to look at innovative models of reporting and building trust. Finally, a direct insight from a donor/funder point of view will shed light on the relationships between public sector and charitable organisations in receipt of public funds while considering the extent to which the public sector can play its role as a key stakeholder of the non-profit sector.

Among the questions to be considered by the contributors and peers at the briefing will be:

- What are the features of effective relationships between non-profits and the public sector?
- How can the regulator and public agencies streamline governance requirements for non-profits?
- What steps would enhance the relationship between the public sector and non-profits?
- Do excessive compliance requirements inhibit organisations from more effectively achieving their goals?
- Is innovation actively encouraged, pursued or curtailed?
- Are there any examples and lessons learnt from elsewhere that can be replicated in Ireland?

GUEST SPEAKERS



Frances McCandless is the Chief Executive of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, the non-departmental public body which is responsible for regulating charities and their activities. Frances's career in the voluntary and community sector goes back nearly 30 years and she has worked with young people, women returning to work, in housing, with older and disabled people. She has also been a board member of organisations working in the areas of environment, ethnic minorities, reconciliation, community arts, audience development, mediation and physical activity.



Fred Mc Bride is the Chief Executive Officer of TUSLA, the dedicated State agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children in Ireland. As Chief Executive, Fred manages almost 3,500 staff and an operational budget of over €650 million. Prior to this, he served as the organisation's Chief Operations Officer from October 2013. He started his career in his native Scotland where he was notably Head of Children and Families in Stirling Council, where he helped to create Scotland's first integrated children's services management structure and Director for Social Care and Wellbeing at Aberdeen City Council.



Jacquie Horan is the Chief Executive of COPE Galway, a local organisation providing supports & services for people affected by homelessness, women & children experiencing Domestic Violence, and for Older People. As CEO of COPE Galway, Jacquie is responsible for the overall operations of the organisation, under the guidance of a Board of Management. Prior to this, Jacquie worked for 7 years in the Disability/Mental Health field with the majority of that time being spent in the establishment and development of business enterprises / Social Firms. She began her career as a Child Care Worker.

Time & Location

The briefing will take place on Thursday, 3 May 2018 at the IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin D04 TC62.

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Cost and Bookings

Members of the Forum may nominate up to **two** participants to the briefing without charge. The cost for additional nominees is €100 per person. The cost for non-forum members is €175 per person. Bookings can be made by using the attached booking form or by contacting Rebecca Cooney at rcooney@ipa.ie or ph: 01-2403657.