



AONTAS Board - Position and Role Descriptions

Background to AONTAS

AONTAS is the Irish National Adult Learning Organisation of Ireland, founded in 1969 and passionately working ever since to make education equal and accessible for all. Backed by our robust research and focused community work, we advocate and lobby for quality education for all adults, and raise awareness of the impact of adult learning on people's lives and on society. We work on behalf our members, who connect with all communities across the island of Ireland. Our members and adult learners inform all our research and campaigns for social change. Learn more at www.aontas.com

Responsibility of a Director Position

The AONTAS Board of Directors is the managing body of AONTAS. As a Director of AONTAS you will be expected to participate in meetings of the Board of Directors, providing strategic direction and financial oversight to the organisation.

As per governance standards, current Board Directors are allowed to re-run for position. If more information is needed on this please contact Dwayne Keogh at dkeogh@aontas.com.

Profile for Organisational Member Position (Community Education)

Must be a paid up AONTAS Organisational member who is a local, self-managed, independent community education organisation committed to social change.

Profile for Organisational Member Position (General)

Must be a paid up AONTAS Organisational member who does not fit the criteria of an Organisational Member (Community Education).

Profile for Individual Member Position (General)

Must be a paid up AONTAS individual member.

Profile for Adult Learner Position

The learner candidate will have preferably undertaken formal or non-formal learning in the last 3 years and be passionate about advocating for the value and benefits of adult learning.

Previous experience of local, national, or European learner representation and/or participation on a Board is an advantage. AONTAS will provide support to successful Learner Directors in their new role on the Board.

Profile for Chairperson Role

The Chairperson will play a vital role in continuing the development of the organisation and leading the AONTAS Board of Directors. The Chairperson is elected for a 3-year term. A Chairperson may be elected to a maximum of two terms according to the limitations outlined in article 43 of the Articles of Association; with a maximum of 9 years on the Board of Directors.

Skills and Experience:

- Preference (but not compulsory) that they have served a minimum of one term of three years previously as a Director of AONTAS
- Experience at Board level in the social enterprise or charitable sector, ideally at Chair level
- Knowledge and understanding of best practice corporate governance in the not-for-profit sector is required
- Experience of working in a membership organisation would be an advantage

The candidate must be a skilled communicator and influencer, prepared to mentor and lead the Board through its next exciting phase of development. In addition to having adequate time and energy to devote to AONTAS, the candidate needs to be a strategic thinker with the independence and strength of character to manage productive working relationships.

As per governance standards, the current Chair is allowed to re-run for their role. John D'Arcy the current Chair is putting himself forward again for this position.

Process for Nomination & Key Return Date

For each of the open positions/role there are forms that needs to be completed by the applicant. In addition, each candidate seeking a position/role must seek nominations.

Position/Role	Document	Member Nominations Needed
Director (Organisational Member / Community Education)	Nomination Form Organisational Member for AONTAS Board (2024) <i>Please tick the Community Education box</i>	1
Director (Organisational Member / General)	Nomination Form Organisational Member for AONTAS Board (2024) <i>Please tick the General box</i>	1
Director (Individual Member / General)	Nomination Form Individual Member for AONTAS Board (2024)	1
Director (Adult Learner)	Nomination Form Adult Learner for AONTAS Board (2024)	1
Chair of the Board	Nomination Form Chair for AONTAS Board (2024)	5

Fully completed forms need to be returned by email to the Company Secretary Marta Feragalli (mferagalli@aontas.com) by **Tuesday 30th April 2024 17:00 pm**.