

Call for Expressions of Interest

Appointment to governance bodies of Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris / Irish College, Paris

The Department of Foreign Affairs is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the governance bodies of the Centre Culturel Irlandais (CCI) in Paris, Ireland's cultural flagship in continental Europe, based in the historic Irish College founded in 1578. Further information on the work of the CCI is available on its [website](#).

The governance bodies of the CCI

The CCI is administered by the Fondation Irlandaise, a public non-profit foundation established under French law and governed by appointees of the Irish and French Governments.

The Fondation is governed by the **Conseil d'administration**, comprising fourteen members, seven appointed by France and seven appointed by Ireland. The Conseil meets in Paris twice a year.

The **Strategic Committee** of the Conseil also plays a key role in overseeing the CCI, including on matters of strategy, programme, operations and finances. The Strategy Committee comprises the seven Irish-appointed members of the Board, a further seven members appointed by the Irish Ambassador to France, and one French representative nominated by the President of the Fondation. The Strategy Committee meets four times a year, alternating between Paris and Dublin.

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Expressions of interest are sought for appointment to the Conseil and/or Strategy Committee of the Fondation Irlandaise.

Eligibility for appointment to the governance bodies of the CCI is not subject to specific statutory criteria. Applications are encouraged from individuals strongly committed to the promotion of Irish culture in France, and with demonstrable expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Cultural management and programming;
- Financial management, evaluation and audit;
- Property management;
- Large-scale project management;
- Fundraising, including private sector engagement; and
- Communications and media, including press engagement.

Experience working in an international environment, and in particular in the French context, will be an advantage. Proficiency in the French language is highly desirable.

In keeping with the [Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016](#) and its [Annex on Gender Balance, Diversity and Inclusion](#), appointments will be made with due regard to the benefits of a gender-balanced and diverse Board and Strategy Committee.

Mandate length and conditions

Appointment is for a term of four years commencing in May 2023, renewable at the discretion of the appointing authority.

Members serve on a part-time basis and do not receive remuneration. Expenses are refunded in accordance with the rules and standing orders of the Fondation and the Strategic Committee.

Submission of Expressions of Interest

Persons interested in being considered for appointment should submit a letter (two pages maximum) setting out their motivation and qualifications to administrationparis@dfa.ie by 5pm CET on Tuesday 11 April 2023, accompanied by a Curriculum Vitae.

As described above, appointment to the Conseil automatically entails appointment to the Strategy Committee. Should you wish to be considered for appointment to the Strategy Committee only, please specify this in your letter.

The Department of Foreign Affairs is not restricted to considering only those who have responded to this call.

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