



FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

**Board member for Northern
Ireland candidate pack**

July 2022

Background

Following the resignation of our previous board member for Northern Ireland we are now recruiting to appoint a new member to the Board of the Fundraising Regulator.

Key organisational information

Information is available on all of the regulator's functions on our website:
www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk.

Copies of the annual report and accounts, and business plans, can be found on the [corporate publications webpage](#).

Application process

Applicants should provide the following:

- A full CV
- A covering letter of no more than two sides of A4 explaining how they meet the criteria in the job description.

Applications should be sent to admin@fundraisingregulator.org.uk by 20 August 2022.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview on 6 October 2022 via videoconference. Interviews will be conducted by the Chair, Lord Toby Harris; the Vice Chair, Margaret Moore; and the board member for Wales, Martin Price.

We hope that the successful applicant will join us in November 2022.

Board member for Northern Ireland - Fundraising Regulator

Remuneration: £300 a day
Location: Northern Ireland with occasional travel to London
Time commitment: One day per month on average
Reporting to: the Chair

Job description

The Fundraising Regulator is an independent, non-statutory body that regulates fundraising across the charitable sector in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. We set and maintain standards that apply to all fundraising organisations across the UK, to protect the public and support the vital work of fundraisers.

We work in partnership with other regulators and the representative bodies in the charitable and fundraising sectors to build public confidence in fundraising and ensure fundraising best practice.

We have a staff team of approximately 20 people, including part time members of staff based in Wales and Northern Ireland.

A company limited by guarantee without a share capital, the Fundraising Regulator has a budget of £2.2 - 2.5 million per year, mainly raised through a Fundraising Levy on those charitable organisations which have expenditure on fundraising activities of more than £100,000 a year.

The regulator's geographic remit covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland and there is a close working relationship with the separate Scottish Fundraising Adjudications Panel.

The Fundraising Regulator owns and develops the Code of Fundraising Practice which applies across all four countries of the UK. The code sets out the standards for fundraising which should be followed and references the law where it applies to charitable fundraising. It reflects different legislation and regulations applying in England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland as well as where the law applies either to Great Britain or the UK as a whole.

The board oversees the operations of the regulator, working closely with the Chair and Chief Executive. The board takes responsibility for ensuring the regulator has a robust business plan and all structures required to enable the effective regulation of fundraising. There are 12 board members including those for Northern Ireland and Wales.

Board members primarily focus on:

- overseeing the development and delivery of robust and ambitious strategic and business plans.
- Supporting the organisation's governance arrangements.
- Contributing to the organisation's strategy and direction through effective participation at Board and committee meetings where relevant.
- Acting as an ambassador for the organisation, helping to build its public profile.
- Fulfilling the duties and standards of conduct required of a board member of this type of organisation.
- Building strong relationships with stakeholders; and,
- maintaining the regulator's independence.

The post of board member is initially for three years, with the possibility of subsequent re-appointment for two similar terms and exceptionally for a total of 10 years. Board members are usually expected to serve on at least one of the three board committees: the Complaints and Investigations Committee; Finance, Audit and Risk Committee; or Standards Committee.

Person specification

The successful candidate will be able to meet the following criteria:

Essential

- Interest in and understanding of the voluntary sector and the political environment in Northern Ireland.
- Accomplished track record at an equivalent level in a substantial organisation.
- Awareness of the strategic and operational challenges facing the Fundraising Regulator.
- Experience of contributing, at board level, on a range of commercial, policy and financial issues while developing and maintaining excellent working relationships with key stakeholders and colleagues.
- Professional experience in financial matters.
- Ability to work in a complex and dynamic political environment, subject to Parliamentary, public and media scrutiny.
- Proven track record of independent judgement and effective decision making.
- Commitment to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion.
- High level of objectivity and a willingness to challenge.
- Ability to think and act strategically.
- Excellent communication, influencing and listening skills.
- Understanding of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of charity trusteeship.
- Commitment to the sector's effective, independent, proportionate, and impartial regulation in the public interest.

Desirable

- Knowledge and experience of regulation.