

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Board Members Declaration of Interests: 2023/24

Chair

Liam Hannaway

Secretary and Board member of Youth Action NI

Member of Lislea Dramatic Players; Member of Lislea Drama Festival Committee

Attend Amateur Drama Council of Ireland council meetings as a rep from Lislea

Board member of APEX Housing Association

Board member of CINI (Children in NI)

Board member Community Development Health Network

Vice Chairman Amateur Drama Council of Ireland (from 4 October 2022)

Board member Unboxed (ceased April 2023)

Vice Chair

William Leathem

Chair of the Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL) NDPB within DfC (from 1 Aug 2019)

Constituency Support Officer (part time) for Paul Givan MLA Lagan Valley (from 1 Oct 2020)

Project Officer for Ballinderry War Memorial Hall (from 1 June 2022)

DUP candidate for Local Government elections in May 2023

Board member of General Consumer Council NI (ceased November 2023)

Board Members

Lynne Best

Director – The Fourth Pillar Collective Ltd

Chair – Americana Music Association UK

Vice Chair – Oh Yeah Music Centre, Belfast

Advisory Panel Member – Minding Creative Minds (all-Ireland Mental Health initiative)

Expert Panel Member – UK City of Culture 2025 selection panel

Belfast City Council – engaged by the Council in my capacity as The Fourth Pillar to work on the UNESCO Creative Cities Network application and overall music strategy (ceased February 2023)

Client – Employed on a consultancy basis by Third Bar Artist Development (ceased December 2022)

Paul Boyle

None

Paul Brolly

Chair, Board of Directors, Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast

Chair, Board of Governors, Greenisland Primary School

Board member, Belfast Marathon Ltd. (from December 2022)

Member, Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel, Antrim & Newtownabbey BC

Creative Advisor – Creative Lives UK (from April 2022)

Staff member for BBC Northern Ireland, in a marketing capacity. I hold no journalistic influence.

Joe Dougan

Employed by SD Events Management Ltd, Belsonic Ltd. and Limelight Belfast Ltd.

Board member Arts & Business NI (from March 2024)

Ray Hall

Board member Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association Northern Ireland Branch

Board Director of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (the parent body of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association NI Branch) (from March 2023)

Secretary of Moybrone Pipe Band (from 9 September 2023)

Employed by Mid Ulster District Council, seconded to Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon Borough Council

Sean Kelly

Director of The Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

Co-founder of the Black Box (ceased March 2023)

Co-founder of Culture Night Belfast (ceased March 2023)

Laura McCorry

Employed by Historic Royal Palaces and in receipt of funding from the Arts Council England but not Arts Council Northern Ireland

Board member Tourism Ireland (from December 2021)

Gearóid Trimble

Member of the following boards/committees (not in receipt of ACNI funding): Intercomm (board member); Gaelscoil na bhFál (school governor); Creggan Local History Society (treasurer); Ring of Gullion AONB Partnership Board (board member).

Employed by Foras na Gaeilge as a programme manager with responsibilities for island-wide grant schemes focusing on the Community and Voluntary sector, Private Business sector and the Irish Language Print/Online Media sector. Foras na Gaeilge currently funds some grant recipients that are funded by ACNI. Foras na Gaeilge is also an ALB of the Dept for Communities in NI.