

Can you help us deliver a new London Irish Centre?

TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT 2023

Become a Trustee of the London Irish Centre

Who we are

The [London Irish Centre](#) is the Irish Heart of London. Follow this [link](#) to find out more about our plans. Based in Camden Square since 1955, our warm and welcoming services have empowered and enriched lives, through times of struggle and celebration, challenge and success by providing outstanding community services to those in need and celebrating Irish art and heritage. It is the UK's largest charity focused on the Irish community.

We want to build on our success and do more in response to the changing needs and interests of the Irish community. This will involve both looking at the services we provide to make sure they meet the needs and interests of the community, and the redevelopment of our Camden home at a cost of £20m. We have already won significant financial support from the Government of Ireland but more needs to be raised. The scale of our ambition is to deliver both a flagship Irish cultural centre ranking alongside the [Irish Arts Centre](#) in New York and the [Centre Culturel Irlandais](#) in Paris, and to continue to serve the diverse needs and interests of London's Irish community, particularly its most vulnerable members, in the future as we have in the past. We recognise that we are aiming high. The contribution that the Irish community has made, and continues to make, to the UK and the needs of the community merits our ambition.

Our Trustees are volunteer board members who set strategic direction, provide advice and ensure the Charity's work meets its objectives. Current Board members range from business leaders to lawyers, from senior figures in the construction industry to people who have worked in Government and the voluntary sector. They are a mix of Irish born and the children of Irish immigrants.

[Link to staff and trustees](#)

Who we need

We are seeking applications from people who support what we do and want to be part of our journey in creating a world class community and culture centre. We are particularly keen to attract people with one of the following areas of expertise:

Community Services e.g., Advice, NHS, Care; Social Science or related academic sectors;

Arts/Culture/Heritage sectors;

Management of commercial venues (particularly in an arts/cultural/heritage setting);

Accountancy.

Time commitment

Trustee meetings are held in the evenings five times per year plus one longer daytime strategy session. In addition, we expect Trustees to support our executive team with advice and guidance within their areas of expertise. In total we expect Trustees to devote six to ten days per year, including occasional evening events, in support of the Charity.

What's in it for you?

You will be:

Helping the charity meet the needs of people and build a world class community and culture centre;

Working alongside a committed and talented team of trustees and executive;

Putting something back into the Irish Community.

See what some existing Trustees say:

"I was born and raised in Ireland and moved to London in my 20s. Being a Trustee at the London Irish Centre makes me feel closer to home and I enjoy the opportunity to give something back to the Irish community. It is an ambitious charity with strong support from the large Irish community in London." – Mary Kerrigan

"Creating and executing the strategy that will see the charity thrive over the next 70 years is incredibly satisfying. Working alongside an incredible team of Trustees is both rewarding and great fun!" – Michael Roddy

"The London Irish Centre is in a period of exciting transition, to make its Social Services and Cultural Development even more relevant and effective. Being part of the Trustee Board, helping to steer this new course, is truly exhilarating." – Tom Goddard

"London was a tough environment for people like my parents when they arrived from Ireland, but the London Irish Centre was there to help. I want to help it continue to meet the needs of the Irish community into the future and to help the descendants of Irish immigrants understand Ireland, its cultures and complex history." - Mike O'Connor

How to apply

To find out more about the role, [download an information pack](#). To apply, just send us a copy of your CV, along with a one page covering letter explaining why you're applying and what you could bring to the London Irish Centre. Send your application to recruitment@londonirishcentre.org.

Closing date for applications: 9 a.m. on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

We plan to hold interviews remotely throughout the week commencing Monday 12th June 2023.