



Office of the

First Minister and Deputy First Minister

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A Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland

Location: Belfast

Ref: IRC89464

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister (OFMDFM) wishes to appoint a Commissioner for Older People to champion the interests and rights of older people. The appointment will be a full time position and will be for a four year term.

The Commissioner is an independent, high profile, and influential position. There are significant expectations of the important role that the Commissioner will perform in promoting and representing the interests of older people.

The Commissioner will have a wide range of promotional, advisory, educational, legal and investigatory functions, powers, and duties. He/she will have a key role in promoting and safeguarding the interests of older people; advancing equality, challenging discrimination, and empowering and enabling the voice of older people.

To be considered for this post, you must demonstrate strong leadership ability with excellent communication and presentation skills. You will have held a senior position in a business, voluntary, public or other appropriate capacity and have demonstrable financial, governance, people and management skills. You will have a successful track record of building positive relationships with key stakeholders.

Commitment to the interests and an understanding of the issues relevant to older people is highly desirable. You will have effective advocacy and negotiating skills and be able to influence a wide range of agencies and organisations in order to achieve results for older people.

Salary for the post of Commissioner will be on the Senior Civil Service Pay scale and will reflect the experience of the successful candidate and be commensurate with existing Commissioners.

For further information and application details please contact HRConnect, quoting reference **IRC89464**.

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This advert can also be requested in alternative formats by contacting HR Connect.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 12pm on
Friday 15 April 2011.**

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