

Vacancies

Included in this edition of 'All Aboard' is a list of the public appointment vacancies that are expected to arise during the second half of 2006. Any vacancies that arise after we go to print will be added to our website.

If you are interested in any of the vacancies listed, please contact the designated official who can provide you with more information about the appointment and when it is due to be filled

Independent Assessors

The role of the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland is to regulate appointment procedures to our larger public bodies. To do this the Commissioner has produced a Code of Practice, which sets out the procedures departments must follow.

One of the key principles underpinning the Commissioner's Code is 'independent scrutiny', which means in essence that a person independent of the department making the appointment must be involved in the selection process.

Independent scrutiny is carried out by Independent Assessors and, since August 2004, their selection, training and administration has been the responsibility of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland.

The Commissioner's Office maintains a central pool of Independent Assessors and allocates these to departments on a rotational basis. All appointments that fall within the Commissioner's remit must involve an Independent Assessor from the central pool.

Independent Assessors are experts in the appointments process and their participation provides an assurance that the procedures followed conform to the Commissioner's Code and that appointments have been made on merit after a fair, open and transparent process. Further information on the role of the Independent Assessor is available from www.ocpani.gov.uk

Welcome

Welcome to the third edition of 'All Aboard' the news-sheet of the Central Appointments Unit (CAU) in the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

Its purpose is twofold, to provide information about public appointments and public bodies in Northern Ireland and publicise our six monthly public appointments vacancy list

The Review of Public Administration

The Secretary of State recently announced major changes to the number of public bodies in Northern Ireland. These bodies are involved in many aspects of our daily lives including agriculture, the arts, education, the environment, health, housing, libraries, local government, public safety and social services.

Some public bodies will be abolished and some will merge into existing organisations. Some will be amalgamated, while others will have their functions transferred to local or central government.

A number of new bodies are being created. A new Health & Social Services Authority will replace the four Health & Social Services Boards, five new Health & Social Services Trusts will replace the 18 existing Trusts and a new Patient & Client Council will replace the four Health & Social Services Councils.

A new Education & Skills Authority will undertake the functions currently performed by the five Education & Library Boards and a new Regional Library Authority will assume responsibility for all libraries in Northern Ireland.

The creation of a number of new bodies and a reduction in the number of statutory nominations will help to create new opportunities for people interested in contributing to public life.

Further information on the review of public administration is available from www.rpani.gov.uk



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Get on Board

Details were recently circulated about Get On Board – a short, innovative and collaborative training course aimed at people interested in serving on the Board of a public body.

The course, which is being piloted by Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education, aims to improve public accessibility to public appointments in Northern Ireland by explaining what Board members actually do and how the appointments process works in practice.

Get On Board takes about 30 hours to complete and is accredited at level 2 by the Northern Ireland Open College Network. The pilot course commenced on 27 March and if it proves to be a success we hope it can be delivered at other Further Education Colleges across Northern Ireland.

If you would like more information about how to Get On Board, contact Roisin on 028 9026 5471 or email rshaw@belfastinstitute.ac.uk



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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT	1 Member	John Murphy 028 9052 8207 john.murphy@ofmdfmi.gov.uk
BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS	1 Chairperson	£ Raymond McCullough 028 9054 0896 raymond.mccullough@drdni.gov.uk
GENERAL TEACHING COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	2 Members	Ron Armstrong 028 9127 9288 ron.armstrong@deni.gov.uk
GOVERNING BODIES OF FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES		Frances Hazell 028 9025 7538 frances.hazell@delni.gov.uk
BELFAST INSTITUTE AND CASTLEREAGH COLLEGE	9 Members	
NORTH WEST INSTITUTE AND LIMAVADY COLLEGE	9 Members	
CAUSEWAY INSTITUTE, NORTH EAST INSTITUTE AND EAST ANTRIM INSTITUTE	9 Members	
ARMAGH COLLEGE, NEWRY AND KILKEEL INSTITUTE AND UPPER BANN INSTITUTE	9 Members	
EAST TYRONE COLLEGE, FERMANAGH COLLEGE AND OMAGH COLLEGE	9 Members	
EAST DOWN INSTITUTE, LISBURN INSTITUTE AND NORTH DOWN AND ARDS INSTITUTE	9 Members	
GRANT MAINTAINED INTEGRATED AND CONTROLLED INTEGRATED SCHOOLS		Leisa Evans 028 9127 9421 leisa.evans@deni.gov.uk
ARMAGH INTEGRATED COLLEGE	1 Governor	
BRIDGE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, BANBRIDGE	1 Governor	
CORRAN INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, LARNE	1 Governor	
CRANMORE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, BELFAST	1 Governor	
LAGAN COLLEGE, BELFAST	1 Governor	
LOUGHVIEW INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, BELFAST	1 Governor	
PHOENIX INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, COOKSTOWN	1 Governor	
ROE VALLEY INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, LIMAVADY	2 Governors	
SPERRIN INTEGRATED COLLEGE, MAGHERAFELT	2 Governors	
ULIDIA INTEGRATED COLLEGE, CARRICKFERGUS	1 Governor	
WINDMILL INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUNGANNON	1 Governor	

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HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	5 Members	£ Marlene McCloskey 028 9052 9444 marlene.mccloskey@detini.gov.uk
5 NEW HEALTH TRUSTS	5 Chairpersons 25 Members	£ Public Appointments Unit 028 9052 3250 public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk Chairpersons - closing date 5 May
LIVESTOCK AND MEAT COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	1 Member	£ Trevor Hanna 028 9052 4616 trevor.hanna@dardni.gov.uk
LABOUR RELATIONS AGENCY	1 Member (employee)	£ Gus Close 028 9025 7616 gus.close@delni.gov.uk
	1 Member (employer)	£
MIDDLETOWN CENTRE FOR AUTISM	6 members	Deborah Frost 028 9127 9416 deborah.frost@deni.gov.uk
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NORTHERN IRELAND HEALTH PROMOTION AGENCY	1 Member	Public Appointments Unit 028 9052 3250 public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk
PROBATION BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	5 Members	£ Audrey Quigley 028 9052 7355 audrey.quigley@nio.x.gsi.gov.uk
SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD	1 Member	£ Public Appointments Unit 028 9052 3250 public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk
ULSTER SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT LTD	1 Chairperson	£ Marina Smyth 028 9025 2085 marina.smyth@delni.gov.uk Closing date – 28 April

Email
One small change in the format of this edition of 'All Aboard' is the inclusion of an email address for the nominated departmental contact. If you are interested in a particular appointment and are unable to get through on the telephone you can now email the department.

£ = Paid appointments