



Irish Centre for European Law

Invitation for Applications

Board Member/Trustee (8 vacancies)

The Centre:

The ICEL is a Centre within the School of Law of Trinity College Dublin, constituted as a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity.

It was founded in 1988 by Senator Mary Robinson SC as a membership-based association to further education and research in the law of the European Union and European human rights.

The Centre serves the legal professions, legal academics, law students, public institutions, the voluntary sector, businesses and the wider public.

The Centre organises conferences and seminars across the island of Ireland in various areas of EU law (in particular, environmental, public procurement, data protection, Brexit and competition law) and in fundamental rights. The Centre is also the Irish member of the European Law Association for Criminal Law and the Protection of the Financial Interests of the EU, which is run by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

The Centre has annual revenues of €30k-€50k and 2 part-time members of staff based in Trinity.

After an internal review of its Constitution in light of the Charities Governance Code, the Centre is reorganising its governance structures, and a number of vacancies will arise in Autumn 2021.

The Role:

The ICEL seeks applications for appointment as ordinary members of its newly constituted Board, who will be charity Trustees and volunteers.

The Board will be made up of eight ordinary members and four officers (President, Deputy President, Secretary and Treasurer).

For ordinary Board members, a range of skills are sought, both within and outside the legal sector, to devise and implement a strategy of legal education and research in relation to EU and Human Rights law for the public and legal sectors, and to govern the Centre, a company and a registered charity.

Responsibilities will include the following:

- Providing input to the strategic direction of the ICEL and contributing with insight, oversight, and experience of strategy formulation in the sector
- Policy formation, planning and implementation as required
- Governance responsibilities, including service on Committees

Essential Skills/Qualities required for these roles:

- An understanding of and commitment to the Centre's objects, in particular education and research in relation to the law of the European Union and Council of Europe.
- Commitment to highest levels of corporate governance.

Desirable Skills/Qualities/Profile required for these roles:

- A deep appreciation and knowledge of the legal education and/or continuing professional development sectors.
 - Practising or retired Academics, Solicitors, Barristers, In-House Counsel, Judges or other legal professionals in Ireland or Northern Ireland, particularly those with experience of EU and/or human rights law; *or*
 - Persons with experience in business/event management/marketing/research

General Trustee duties of a Charity Trustee

- Comply with the Centre's governing document
- Ensuring the Centre is complying with its charitable purpose for the public benefit
- Acting in the best interest of the Centre
- Act with Reasonable Care and Skill
- Manage the assets of the Centre

Term

Members of the Board will be elected for up to 3 years, with the possibility of renewal.

Board Meetings:

There will be **4** board meetings per year. There will also be meetings of Committees which some ordinary Board members may be requested to attend. Meetings are held in **Trinity College, Dublin** and may be held online.

Diversity

The ICEL is committed to diversity in appointments to the Board and Committees, in terms of: gender; age; ethnicity; sexual orientation; the inclusion of members of the legal professions and those involved in legal education; geography in terms of residence or place of business on the island of Ireland (including both legal jurisdictions).

Application Deadline

Members of the Board will be appointed on and with effect from 28th October 2021, together with the new Board. Applications should be made to icelnominations@gmail.com, should be received by 17th September 2021 and will be treated strictly in confidence.