Voluntary Board Member Search

Time Commitment: Approximately five Board meetings per year (plus preparation); occasional strategic meetings/events, plus expectation to participate in two sub-committees with at least quarterly meetings (each) annually

Remuneration: Voluntary (reasonable expenses reimbursed)

About Community Finance Ireland

Community Finance Ireland (CFI) is a purpose-led social lender. We exist to ensure that no volunteer-led or community-based organisation fails to achieve its social impact due to a lack of access to affordable, ethical finance.

Mission: To provide flexible loans through a responsible, community centric approach to all voluntary led organisations delivering social impact.

Operating across the island of Ireland, CFI supports communities to turn ambition into action — funding community facilities, social enterprises and grassroots projects that strengthen places and improve lives. Our work is rooted in trust, partnership, and a deep understanding of the not-for-profit and social economy

The Role

Community Finance Ireland is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who wish to contribute their insight, experience and values to CFI. As a Board Member, you will:

- Contribute to the overall stewardship, governance and strategic direction of Community Finance Ireland
- Bring a community perspective, grounded in lived experience of the local not-for-profit and social economy
- Act as a values guardian, helping ensure that CFI remains mission-led, community-focused and impact-driven
- Provide constructive challenge and support to the executive team, balancing ambition with accountability
- Champion CFI's role as a trusted partner to community organisations, not a transactional lender

Board members collectively carry responsibility for ensuring that Community Finance Ireland continues to meet its charitable purpose, remains financially sustainable, and responds meaningfully to the needs of the communities it serves.

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Who We Are Looking For

We particularly welcome interest from individuals who:

- Have experience of the not-for-profit, sports, faith, voluntary, community or social enterprise sector.
- Have first-hand experience of community finance, for example:
  - Having borrowed from Community Finance Ireland on behalf of a community or volunteer-led project; or
  - Having worked closely with community groups navigating access to social finance.
- Understand the realities faced by volunteer-led organisations, including governance capacity, cashflow pressure, and the challenge of turning social ambition into viable delivery.
- See Community Finance Ireland not as a bank, but as a values-driven organisation with a clear raison d'être: to remove finance as a barrier to social impact.

What matters most is authenticity, insight, and a genuine commitment to enabling community-led change.

Time Commitment and Term

- Board members are expected to prepare for and attend scheduled Board meetings (virtual and in person) and participate in occasional strategy and additional sub-committee work.
- Appointments are typically for a fixed term of three years, with the possibility of renewal in line with governance best practice.

Making an Expression of Interest

Candidates are invited to submit a short expression of interest to the Chair of the HR Committee hello@communityfinanceireland.com by close of business on the 18th May 2026, clearly outlining:

- Your connection to the community, voluntary or social enterprise sector.
- Your experience of community finance and/or Community Finance Ireland.
- Why you are motivated to contribute to CFI's mission at Board level.
- Your experience in or around a voluntary Board of Trustees within the sector.

(Existing UCIT Members will have the opportunity to nominate individuals for election to the board prior to the AGM in the usual manner.)

Community Finance Ireland is committed to diversity, equality and inclusion and encourages interest from candidates reflecting the breadth of communities we serve.

We are particularly interested in candidates who have garnered significant experience from within the Northern Ireland Community Voluntary and Social Enterprise sector.