

Home and Social Development

PILLAR: Community/Voluntary

SEATS: Four (4)

1. CANDIDATE: Anne Cronin

NOMINATED BY: Limerick Cycling Campaign

My name is Anne Cronin and I have worked in the voluntary sector for the past 20 years largely supporting people who are homeless or in need of housing. I worked for SVP and the ISPCC before moving to Novas in 2003 where I set up housing support and addiction services around the country. I set up a family support service for homeless families in Limerick and a bespoke accommodation and support service for young people leaving care and at risk of homelessness. I set up three family hubs in Dublin and Clare supporting homeless families. I set up a community detox addiction service in the Midwest as well as a number of specialist disability services for homeless people with physical and sensory disabilities with additional complex needs such as addiction, behavioural, etc.

After 17 years (10 years as Head of Services managing 25 services around the country), I left Novas earlier this year, to begin studying a MSc in Public Health in the University of Limerick. I have a BA in European Studies, a MA in Peace and Development and a level 8 in Housing Law and Policy all from UL.

I am a cycling advocate and Vice Chair of the Limerick Cycling Campaign. I am co-founder of the Limerick Cycle Bus. I am an Advisor to the Board of the Housing Agency and sit on their new Homeless Advisory Group. I am an active member of the Labour party and ran for local election in 2018.

I am very interested in sitting on the Home and Social Development SPC as I feel I have relevant experience in terms of the housing need of marginalised communities – especially the barriers that exist in accessing housing in the city. I am also very interested in our public realm and how it effects our public health.

2. CANDIDATE: Tracy McElligott

NOMINATED BY: Moyross Residents Forum

I have a number of years' experience representing groups on a number of community and statutory bodies and reporting back to organisations. For the last 16 years I have been employed as a community development worker with Moyross Residents Forum. This has given me extensive experience & knowledge of issues facing communities and experience of working with statutory bodies. I also have knowledge and experience of being a PPN representative on the Home & Community SPC. I have very good communication & reporting skills.

Home and Social Development PILLAR: Social Inclusion SEATS: One (1)

1. CANDIDATE: Una Burns NOMINATED BY: Novas

Una Burns, Head of Policy and Communications, has worked with Novas since 2013. With a BA in History and Politics, an MA in International Relations and a PhD in Irish Emigration History, she has extensive experience of research, presenting and communications.

In Novas she manages internal and external communication, report writing, media and public relations and advocacy. She has extensive knowledge of the homeless landscape in Limerick and the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness, and will bring significant expertise to the SPC on Housing and Social Development