

Definition of Social Work

The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the point where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work (International Federation of Social Workers 2000)

Organisation Structure / Overview

Board of Directors

Chairperson

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Company Secretary – position filled by the Office Manager

7 Directors of the Board

{* Max 10 board members}

Subgroups of the Board

- HR & Governance Committee
- Finance & Audit Committee

Special Interest Groups at present

1. Ageing
2. Children & Families
3. Disability
4. Child & Adolescent Mental Health
5. Adult Mental Health
6. Foster Care
7. Southern Region
8. Retired

Committees

1. International Affairs Committee
2. Journal Committee
3. Anti-Racism Advisory Group
4. Mother Baby Home & Adoption Working Group
5. CPD Committee

Associate Groups

1. Head Medical Social Workers
2. Adult Safeguarding & Protection

Our Links with Relevant Agencies & Professional Affiliations

- CORU, The Social Work Registration Board
- FORAS
- Tusla
- HSE
- International Federation of Social Workers
- Mental Health Reform
- Children's Rights Alliance
- The Wheel
- EAPN Ireland
- Age Action
- Irish Network Against Racism (INAR) & Reporting Racism in Ireland
- Irish Council for Civil Liberties
- Irish Foster Care Association (IFCA)
- Safeguarding Ireland

Other

- Office Manager
- Office Administrator
- Professional Development Coordinator
- Event Administrator

Who's Who?

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| 1. Vivian Geiran | Chairperson |
| 2. Majella Hickey | Vice-Chair |
| 3. Bridin Murphy | Treasurer |
| 4. Rachel McCormack | Director |
| 5. Dr. Coletta Dalikeni | Director |
| 6. Washington Marovatsanga | Director |
| 7. Gary Gartland | Commercial Director |
| 8. Claire McGettrick | Commercial Director |
| 9. Sinead McGarry | Director |
| 10. Dr. Fiachra Ó'Súilleabháin | Director |

Vivian Geiran is the Chair of the Board and is the Line Manager to the association's employees.