



Description of Role – Board Member

About Natural Capital Ireland

Natural Capital Ireland (NCI) is a membership organisation made up of a range of organisations and individuals from academic, public, private and NGO sectors interested in the development and application of the natural capital agenda in Ireland. It is structured as a Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by a Board, led by a Steering Committee and administered by a Secretariat. As of 2023, we have over 1,300 subscribers.

About the role(s)

NCI is recruiting voluntary board members with leadership experience and significant experience in areas that include:

Natural capital, ecosystem services, biodiversity, sustainable development or other relevant subjects.

And/or

Experience with corporate engagement, particularly in the above areas and not for profit governance.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work with national experts in biodiversity and sustainable development and support a growing organisation. They will join an existing three-person voluntary board and advised by a voluntary Steering Committee. The executive currently includes Project coordinator, Communications, Finance (all part time). We are currently seeking additional contractors for our future project panels and are evaluating the development of an executive leader for the Organisation to continue its growth and development. The board provides NCI's Secretariat with guidance and support to deliver on the organisation's vision and mission.

NCI's work includes Ireland's first project to develop natural capital accounts for Irish sites (INCASE), Peatlands Gathering 2021 (represented at COP26), drafting of the new National Biodiversity Action Plan and Ireland's first Business and Biodiversity Platform.

Responsibilities of the board member include:

- Attend quarterly 2-hour board meetings in central Dublin or online
- Support NCI in maintaining and adhering to its strategic plan, governing structures and policies
- Oversee appropriate resourcing and financial management
- Consider, manage and accept risk on behalf of the organisation

- Advocate for and represent the organisation

About the candidate

Desired skills

- Understanding of governance best practices
- Strategic thinking
- Emotional intelligence
- Familiarity with the charity sector

Details of time commitment

The role is expected to take between 3-6 hours per month, including quarterly board meetings, and requires an appropriate investment of time, interest and energy.

How to apply

If you are interested in the role, please send a CV and cover letter to NCI at coordinator@naturalcapitalireland.com by Nov 10th 2023.