



Board Director with political and public affairs and campaigning expertise sought

Expressions of interest are sought for a **board director who is passionate about women's rights and has strong expertise of political and public affairs and campaigning in Ireland.**

ActionAid works with women and children who are excluded and live in poverty, as they take the lead in claiming their human rights, and changing systems in society that are unjust. The women in these communities take the lead - they decide their priorities, and we support them as they engage with the rest of their community and the wider power structures in society, to bring about change for the better that benefits the whole community. We also work together to hold governments and international institutions to account, campaigning side by side with women to achieve meaningful long-term change.

ActionAid Ireland's [strategy 2022-2027](#) is to create a just and caring world where women's human rights are respected through addressing the structural causes of Gender Based Violence (GBV), promoting women's leadership in humanitarian contexts and amplifying feminist alternatives on economic and climate justice, and effectively mobilise sustainable and diverse resources. ActionAid Ireland's strategy also makes clear commitments to anti-racism, shifting power and decolonisation, embedding learning and evaluation and safeguarding. Human rights based approaches are at the heart of ActionAid's work.

The ActionAid Board of Directors are responsible for setting and monitoring the strategic direction of the organisation, monitoring compliance, ensuring the efficient and effective use of resources and the establishment of policy.

ActionAid Ireland has achieved the "triple-lock" of good governance and reporting standards: the Board of Directors monitors compliance with the Charities Regulator Governance Code, the Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) under FRS102.

The role

Over this strategic period, we will be increasing our focus on policy change- in Ireland and globally. In order to make our rooted work with women more sustainable and to engage Ireland and other EU actors on their human rights obligations. While ActionAid Ireland has some experience in campaigning and policy change in Ireland, but this has been limited and without dedicated organisational resources.

As we develop more specific policy work, we are seeking a board member with extensive experience and/or knowledge of delivering political and policy change in Ireland, engaging the public and campaigners more broadly. Policy priorities are delivering women's rights globally (with a particular focus on care) and feminist alternatives for economic and climate justice and putting women at the heart of humanitarian responses. Our guiding principle is that our policy work will be grounded in the women we support.

No remuneration is paid to Directors for their services on the Board. Directly incurred expenses are reimbursed if claimed.

Directors need to believe in and share both ActionAid Ireland's and ActionAid International's values, vision, mission and strategy, should be able to work at a governance or policy-making level, and have demonstrated the ability to function effectively as part of a diverse strategic group.

Application process

Interested parties should submit a CV and statement of interest to CEO, Karol Balfe, karol.balfe@actionaid.org by January 16th 2023.