CHARITY TRUSTEE SPEED-DATING REPORT 2018

Boardmatch Ireland CLG
CHY 16398
CRO 400151
CRA 20058968
24 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

ACROSS 12 CATEGORIES IN THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR
On 14th November 2018, Boardmatch hosted Ireland’s first Charity Trustee Speed-Dating event. This event was a great success for all involved and could not have been facilitated without the support of our hosts, The Convention Centre Dublin.

We had 30 charities exhibit at our first Speed-Dating event, with over 90 candidates attending looking to find their perfect board match. Our participating organisations featured a diverse group of charitable causes, including children and families, animal welfare, community development, advocacy and legal, addiction services, the environment, housing, disabilities, the arts, employment, health and medical, international development, and youth and education.

The attending candidates also covered a wide range of sectors, and backgrounds, offering a variety of skills and expertise to the charities.
We received very positive feedback from charities and candidates who attended the event. 100% of charities said they would recommend the event to other charities.

“Excellent opportunity to meet people interested in being on a board”

“Good balance between number of charities and potential trustees”

“Well run, professional, and brought candidates to us!”

“Fantastic initiative. Face-to-face is second to none”

“Flexibility for people to circulate and meet the charities”

“Well organisation, good selection of candidates, and we had enough time to meet people”

“Quick, efficient, well organised, and people were there because they want to get involved”
Candidates also responded positively to the event, with 80% rating the event as ‘Excellent’ and 20% as ‘Very Good’. Following the evening, 83% of candidates said they were likely or very likely to join a charity board.

“Accuracy of delivery (45 sec pitch); transparent and approachable attitude of charitable representatives: Follow through post event has been excellent.”

“Great spread of companies and it was the first kind of event where I had seen boards being as open as they were there.”

“The openness of both the organisations and the candidates as to what they were looking for and what could be of benefit, respectively.”

“Had no expectations as had never been to a similar event. The welcome was lovely - including the coffee and treats. The organisation and layout were exemplary. The time keeping was an added gem. Overall, both a highly informative and enjoyable evening. Well done!”
CHARITY TRUSTEE SPEED-DATING

RESULTS

Following the event, we stayed in contact with our Speed-Dating charities, and we are pleased to announce that there were 24 board appointments as a result of the evening.

“Boardmatch introduced me to speed dating and it was great fun! Not only did I get exposure to organisations unknown to me I got to network with like-minded people. The networking and matching with organisations in need of my particular expertise was both positive and painless thanks to Boardmatch. Today I am involved with two great organisations met at the Boardmatch Speed dating event. Congratulations to Boardmatch on a great event, brilliantly executed.”

Jacquie Marsh joined the board of CoisCéim Dance Theatre and Common Purpose

“The trustee speed dating event organised by Boardmatch was a wonderful opportunity to network and meet and learn about Charities that were looking to recruit talent onto their Board.

The event provided me with a chance to interact with many organisations that were doing great work and then allowed me to register my interest with causes that appealed to me the most and where my skills would be a good fit and could be put to good use. Having worked on several corporate governance engagements during my consulting career, I was looking for an opportunity to be part of a Board of a charitable organisation where I could use this expertise and make an impact at a community level. Post the event I took up a Board position at Let’s get Talking - an organisation focused on delivering mental health services to the community in Dublin and Galway.

I would highly recommend the Board match speed dating event, especially for someone looking to start their journey as a non-executive director and for organisations that find recruiting top talent to Boards a challenge!”

Goutham Krishnamoorthy, joined the board of Let’s Get Talking
“CoisCéim Dance Theatre was invited by Boardmatch to take part in their first Trustee Speed Dating Event hosted by the Convention Centre as part of National Trustees Week in November 2018. Participation was free. It marked a wonderful opportunity for CoisCéim as the timing of the event concurred with vacancies on our board for people with strategic and business skill sets. The curation and delivery of the event was first class - showcasing a diverse group of charitable organisations with clear objectives and unique voices.

The environment was welcoming and positive. The quality of the potential trustees’ that we met was very high and of the people who expressed an interest in joining our Board, ten had skills that the company could benefit from and will, we hope, provide a potential pool of board members for the future. Two individuals in particular stood out and one of these has since joined our Board of Directors. It was an extremely productive evening and one I hope that other charities will have the opportunity to benefit from in the future.”

Bridget Webster, Executive Producer/CEO, CoisCéim Dance Theatre

*COISCÉIM DANCE THEATRE – IVONNE KALTER IN HOW TO SINK A PAPER BOAT BY DAVID BOLGER. FILM STILL BY RUSSELL GLEESON. WWW.COISCEIM.COM
ORGANISATIONS WHO ATTENDED

ADDICTION SERVICES
CASP
Community Response

ADVOCACY/LEGAL
Care After Prison
FLAC - Free Legal Advice Centre

ANIMALS/ENVIRONMENT
Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland

ARTS/CULTURE
CoisCéim Dance Theatre

CHILDREN/FAMILIES
Quarryvale Family Resource Centre
First Steps Early Education Centre
Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Services
Balally Family Resource Centre

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
North Leinster Money Advice and Budgeting Service
Finglas Credit Union
New Communities Partnership

DISABILITY
Muscular Dystrophy Ireland
Camphill Communities of Ireland

EMPLOYMENT
Ceeds

HEALTH/MEDICAL
Asthma Society of Ireland
Thrombosis Ireland
Look Good Feel Better
Hepatitis C Partnership

HOUSING
Don Bosco Care
Circle Voluntary Housing Association
North & East Housing Association
Clann Mor Residential Respite
Merrick House

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Aidlink

MENTAL HEALTH
Let’s Get Talking

YOUTH/EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT
Aisling Project
Common Purpose
Airfield Estate
No Name! Club