



# CHARITY TRUSTEE SPEED-DATING REPORT 2018



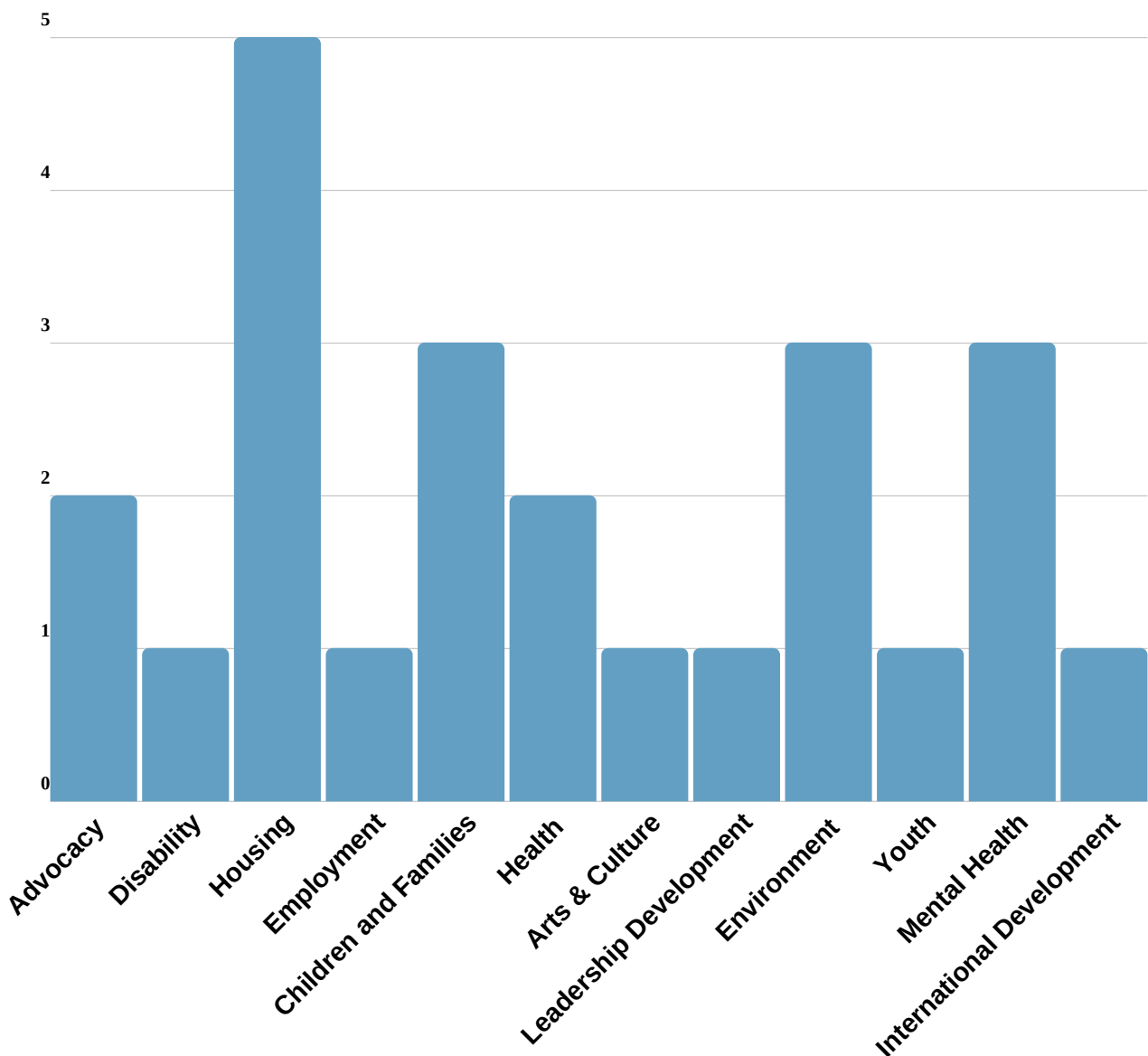
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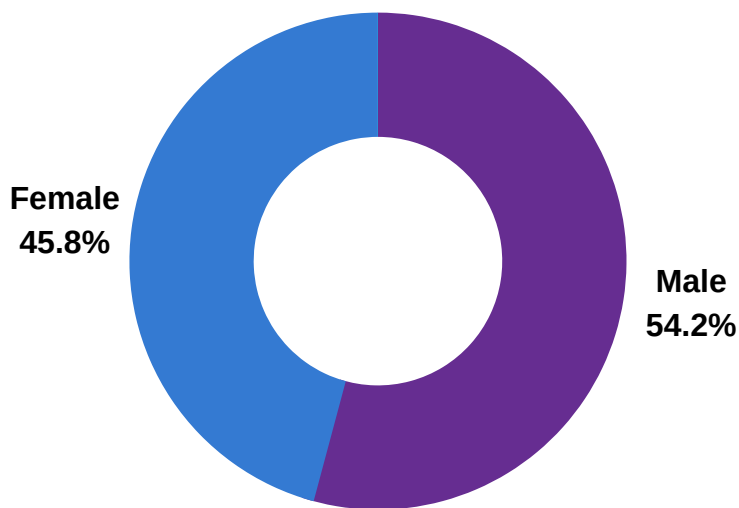
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# 24 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

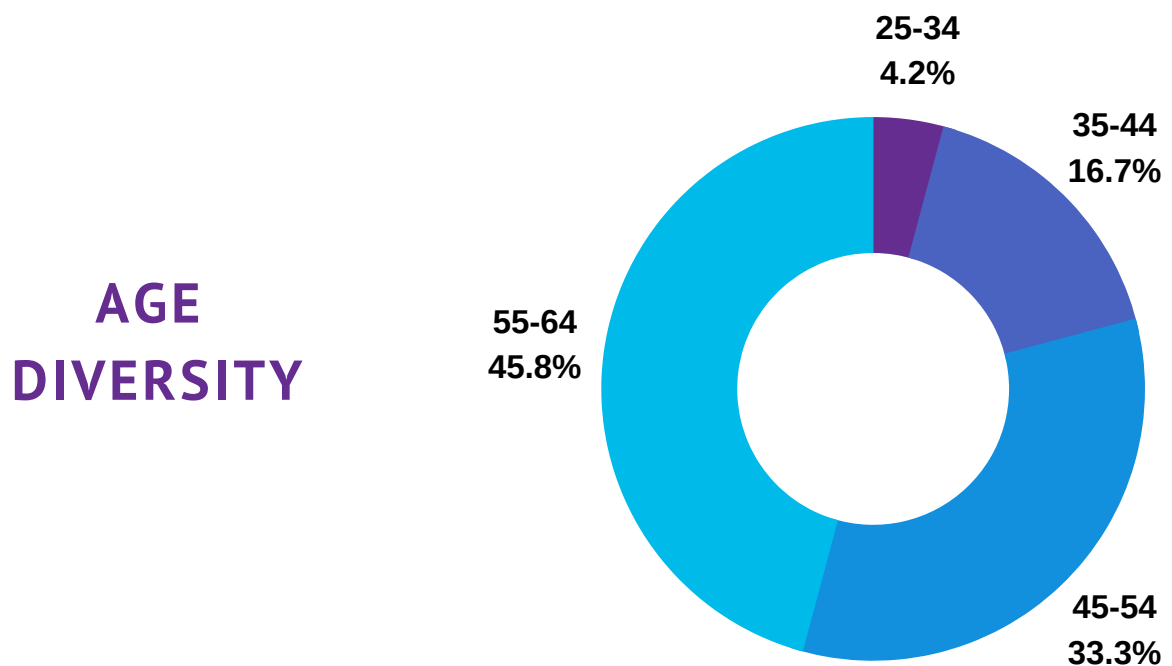


ACROSS 12 CATEGORIES IN THE  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR

# 24 BOARD APPOINTMENTS



**GENDER  
DIVERSITY**



**AGE  
DIVERSITY**

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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.



The Convention Centre Dublin lit up in Boardmatch's colour on the night.



Ready to welcome attendees to our first Charity Trustee Speed-Dating event.

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### CHARITY FEEDBACK

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.**

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*“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”*

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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.**

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*“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!”*

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## 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**



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“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.  
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# 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



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