
Information Sheet

Election to Co-ordinating Body of the Dublin Food Co-op

We in the Dublin Food Co-op believe that every co-operative is only as good as its members. If you are interested in a leadership role that will have an impact across our whole community while serving the needs of our members, then serving on the Co-ordinating Body (the Board of Directors) could be just what you are looking for. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the leadership of a vibrant food co-operative with a strong track record and big plans for building a more sustainable and just world!

Five¹ CB seats will be up for (re-)elected at our next Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 28th June 2022. If you believe you could be one of them or if you know someone suitable, then fill in the enclosed form and **return it to the Co-op before noon on 15th June 2022.**

Role of the Board of Directors

In summary, it is to provide leadership to the Co-op while ensuring that all legal and financial obligations are met and that the Dublin Food Co-op effectively serves its members and the wider community as per its vision, mission and strategy.

Specific Responsibilities of Directors

1. Commitment to the success of the Dublin Food Co-op, support for its values and co-operative principles
2. Attendance at all CB meetings: 12 two hour meetings per year are the norm.
3. Strategy development and shaping.
4. Monitoring that the management of our co-operative is consistent with the Dublin Food Co-op vision, core values and strategy.
5. Membership in sub-committees as required – CB members are usually on one sub-committee which meets four times per year.
6. Work cooperatively with others to represent the entire membership, not the interests of any one stakeholder or special interest.
7. Represent the Dublin Food Co-op within our wider networks and broader co-operative movement.

In addition, the legal duties of Directors may be summarised as:

8. To act in the best interests of the Dublin Food Co-op as a whole.
9. To ensure the co-operative is run responsibly and sustainably (not in a negligent or reckless manner).
10. To ensure that the Dublin Food Co-op complies with ongoing legal and other requirements.

Tenure

- 3 years.
- All CB members will be Directors of the co-operative society *Dublin Food Co-operative Society Limited*; an industrial and provident society registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Criteria for Board membership

In order to be considered eligible for membership of the Co-ordinating Body of the Dublin Food Co-op, nominees must:

1. Commit to attend all board meetings and trainings, unless they have a reasonable excuse
2. Be a paid up member of the Dublin Food Co-op for at least six months on the date of the AGM
3. Be demonstrably committed to the advancement of the values and vision of the Dublin Food Co-op.

¹ Three seats are open for a full three year term with one CB member seeking re-election. The remaining two seats are vacant due to Maureen O'Donnell and Brigid Corcoran intending to retire early at this year's AGM.

All nominations will be reviewed by our Nomination & Governance committee before approval is given to run on the ballot sheet.

Election Process

1. Opening of nominations process to members: 17th May 2022
2. Nominations can be made through the online form (you can get a paper form by emailing secretary@dublinfood.coop)
3. All nominations must be registered with the Dublin Food Co-op by noon on 15th June 2022.
4. All nominees to be reviewed by the Nomination and Governance Committee of the CB before the 17th June 2022 and a list of eligible nominees is compiled.
3. If there are more eligible nominees than vacancies on the Board to be filled, a ballot paper and accompanying list of eligible nominees with a brief summary of their experiences to date (taken solely from the nomination form) will be circulated to the Dublin Food Co-op's voting members **before the AGM.**
4. The conduct of the election is the responsibility of the Returning Officer who will rule on all issues relating to it. The Dublin Food Co-op's Returning Officer in 2022 is the Co-operative Secretary, Sam Toland.

Current and retiring Board members of the Dublin Food Co-op.

Retiring/Rotating members are denoted by "R". Paolo Bostrenghi is seeking re-election under our rules, and will be standing for re-election.

	Name	Officer
R	1 Maureen O Donnell	Chairperson <i>Retiring at AGM</i>
	2 Paolo Bostrenghi	Treasurer
	3. Bróna Ní Chobhthaigh	
	4 Jonas Poulsen	
R	5 Brigid Corcoran	<i>Retiring at AGM</i>
	6 Marina Lambrakis	
	7 Elena San Juan Grande	
	8 Vacant	
	9 Vacant	