



National Centre Steering Group Opportunities

Background

The National Centre for Research and Remembrance, to be located in Sean MacDermott Street, Dublin 1, will comprise a museum and exhibition space, a research centre and repository of records related to institutional trauma in the 20th century, and a garden space for reflection and remembrance. This Centre will honour equally all those who spent time in Industrial Schools, Magdalen Laundries, Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions, Reformatories, and related institutions, and all those who have lived experience of Ireland's historical adoption and boarded out systems.

The National Centre campus will also make a valuable contribution to the social and economic development of Dublin's North East Inner City, through the provision of social housing units, further and higher educational facilities, and facilities for family and parenting supports.

A Steering Group, chaired by Mr Martin Fraser, former Secretary General to the Government and Ambassador to Great Britain, is driving the overall coordinated development of the National Centre campus.

This Steering Group recognises the fundamental importance of survivors being partners in the project who are at the heart of decision-making and involved at every level of implementation. Following an initial, written consultation, which ran from July-September 2023, the Steering Group was expanded to include the Special Advocate for Survivors.

The Steering Group is now being further expanded to include four survivor representatives. This is a direct response to the feedback received from a series of in-person engagement events that were held in Dublin, Galway, Cork and London, as well as an online event, between October 2024 and February 2025. The Steering Group's full range of commitments in response to the consultation and engagements are available [here](#).



Membership of the Steering Group

The Group is chaired by Mr Martin Fraser, former Secretary General to the Government and Ambassador to Great Britain. The membership of the Steering Group includes representation from the key State stakeholders involved in the development of the Centre and from survivors and persons affected by Ireland's institutional past. Membership includes representatives from:

- Department of An Taoiseach
- Department of Children, Disability and Equality
- Survivors and affected persons
- Special Advocate for Survivors
- Department of Education and Youth
- Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- Department of Culture, Communications and Sport
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Office of Public Works (including the State Architect)
- National Museum of Ireland
- National Archives of Ireland
- Dublin City Council
- North-East Inner-City initiative

Secretariat to the Steering Group

The administrative and dedicated programme management support to the group is provided by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, which is the parent Department for the overall project.

Meetings

The Steering Group generally holds in person meetings on a quarterly basis at a location in Dublin. The Group may meet more frequently if required and online meetings may be held on an exceptional basis.



Role requirements:

- Preparing for and attending meetings of the Steering Group
- Contributing to discussions and considerations of the Steering Group

Selection Process

Four persons will be selected from the expressions of interest received. It is intended that the representatives will be people with **direct and lived experience** of Ireland's institutional and historical adoption and boarded out systems. The selection of representatives will aim to ensure as broad a representation of experiences on the Steering Group as possible. The selected representatives will be appointed by the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

Further information

In order to qualify for appointment, a person must not have any legal impediment or conflicts of interest likely to interfere with his/her ability to act as a member of the Steering Group. Please give careful consideration to the possibility of any potential conflict of interest that may exist and address this in a cover e-mail or letter attached to the expression of interest form. Examples of the most likely forms of legal impediment or conflict of interest are provided on the form.

Questions and inquiries

If you have any questions, need any assistance in completing the Expression of Interest form or require further information relating to the National Centre for Research and Remembrance, please contact the National Centre team.

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