

2,300 expressions of interest in State Board vacancies in the first six months of operation of www.stateboards.ie

Issued Monday, 8 June, 2015. Since November, 2014, a new, more open and transparent process for appointing people to State Boards has been in operation. Vacancies on State Boards are now advertised openly on the State Boards portal, www.stateboards.ie, which is managed by the the Public Appointments Service. This dedicated website facilitates people to register their interest in hearing about State Board vacancies, to submit their expressions of interest as well as providing helpful information about the process.

Under this new process, the Public Appointments Service was given responsibility by Government for managing the specification and advertising of vacant Board roles and the assessment of expressions of interest submitted in respect of State Board vacancies. Since the new process began in December 2014, 147 vacancies on 40 State Boards have been advertised. Over 2,200 people have applied via www.stateboards.ie to be considered for appointment to these vacancies. Of these expressions of interest, 440 names have been put forward for consideration by Ministers. So far, 40 of these people have been appointed by Ministers to 11 State Boards with potential appointees to a further 18 Boards currently being considered by Ministers.

Stateboards.ie would welcome as many capable and competent people as possible to come forward for consideration for appointment. On an ongoing basis, Stateboards.ie is keen to receive expressions of interest from people with relevant experience to for possible appointment to a diverse range of State Boards in the commercial, administrative, advisory and regulatory fields. Details of all current vacancies and experience required are available on the website.

Speaking about the process, Fiona Tierney, Chief Executive of the Public Appointments Service, said "We want as many suitably experienced people as possible to come forward and take part in this process. Having capable people on State Boards is very important to how our State operates and how public services are delivered to business, to communities and to the wider public. The process is simple and accessible and we would encourage as many people as possible to visit our website. If you are interested in serving on a State Board and feel you have the necessary skills and experience to make a positive contribution, we would be delighted to receive your expression of interest via stateboards.ie. As a first step, please make sure to register for our email alerts by following the simple registration process on the Stateboards.ie website."

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