



Board Member Description - Arts Strategy Board Member

Helium Arts is seeking a board member to provide guidance on developing the organisation's strategy in response to current national arts policy and best practice arts models, nationally and internationally, in the context of participatory arts and children's arts. The Arts Strategy Board Member helps to ensure that the quality of Helium Arts' artistic vision is maintained throughout Helium's short and longer-term goals. These activities will be undertaken in addition to general board membership responsibilities as outlined in Helium's Board Member Agreement document. All Helium board members should possess a belief in the transformative nature and importance of the arts in society. In addition, Board members are asked to offer support to fundraising campaigns, donor-development and corporate engagement in whatever capacity possible. This is a voluntary position.

About Helium

Helium is an arts and health non-profit organisation aiming to improve the quality of life for children 0-18 yrs living with chronic illness or at risk of illness in Ireland through award-winning, age appropriate, participatory arts programmes and performances which create supportive healthcare environments and strengthen young voices, upholding children's rights. We work in hospitals, health centres, & community settings transforming young lives & their carers through art, ingenuity & play. Since Helium was founded in 2009, over 4,000 young people and their families have participated in our programmes.

Helium's funding comes from a range of sources. The organisation receives an Annual Programming Grant from the Arts Council. Funders also include BNP Paribas Foundation, the Ireland Funds, Dublin City Council Arts Office, Cork City Council Arts Office, The Community Foundation, the HSE, and a number of other corporate and individuals. Please see: <http://www.helium.ie/supporters/>

Current Board Members include, Annette Nugent Marketing and Communications Consultant, Penelope Kenny, Chartered Accountant and Director, ArtsGovernance, Emma Morgan, Donor Care Manager with Fighting Blindness. Directors designate are Philip Flynn, Beolas, Legal Advisor. Board meetings are Dublin based.

Helium is compliant with the Governance Code and the Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising. Please see: <http://www.helium.ie/about/governance-fundraising/>

Application Process: Please contact anna@helium.ie to receive a short application form. Shortlisted candidates will be requested to participate in an interview with the Chairman and CEO.

