

Department of Health
Establishment of a Healthy Ireland Council under the auspices of the Healthy Ireland Framework

The Minister for Health is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced persons to become members of the Healthy Ireland Council.

Background:

Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025 proposes a whole-of-government and whole-of-society response to improving the health and wellbeing of Irish people over the coming generation. The establishment of the *Healthy Ireland Council* is the most significant action under *Healthy Ireland* to leverage engagement with whole-of-society. The Council will provide the platform to connect and mobilise communities, families and individuals into a national movement with one aim: to support everyone to enjoy the best possible health and wellbeing.

The purpose of this process is to provide a pool of suitable candidates from which appointments to the *Healthy Ireland Council*, including a Chairperson of the Council, can be made.

Key Criteria:

Whilst no formal qualification is required, appointees to the Council will be champions for the vision and goals of *Healthy Ireland*, and therefore must have a significant national profile and network or 'footprint' throughout the country. Appointees to the Council must be dynamic, with a credible voice at national, regional and local level, and have a track record of leading change. They must be capable of persuading their stakeholders that change is necessary, and instilling confidence that together we can make Ireland a healthier place to live, work, play and age.

Appointees to the Council should be leaders and influencers in their respective fields and have a genuine passion for health and wellbeing, and be willing to commit their time, energy and expertise to champion this agenda. They should be excellent communicators, have a capacity to think strategically and creatively, be able to impartially consider issues objectively and be committed to the highest standards of integrity and governance.

In considering applications due regard will be given to Government policy on gender balance. In addition, in order to be effective, the *Healthy Ireland Council* will require a membership representing a diversity of national sectors.

In making appointments, the Minister is not restricted to those who have responded to this invitation. In submitting expressions of interest, a person should also set out clearly any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise should they be appointed to the Healthy Ireland Council.

Costs

Members will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses only. It is envisaged that 2-3 meetings will be held annually; these are most likely to be located in Dublin.

How to apply

Anyone interested in being considered for appointment as a Council member should submit an application form via the following link www.publicjobs.ie together with detailed Curriculum Vitae and cover letter.

If you are already registered on www.publicjobs.ie you can log in using your username and password.

If you have not previously registered on www.publicjobs.ie you will need to register your details.

You must go to "Choose a Job Category" on the left side of the screen.

Click on "Membership of a State Board" and then click "Apply for this job".

Please note that documents a) and b) below should be submitted as one attachment and should be saved in one document before commencing the application process.

Step 1 - Complete the Online Application Form. Most of this will be pre-filled from your registration profile.

Step 2- Attach a) and b) listed below

(a) Curriculum Vitae

(b) A cover letter outlining your capacity to reach deep into communities throughout Ireland, to act as a champion for *Healthy Ireland* and assist in achieving the significant change envisaged in the *Healthy Ireland Framework*

Closing Date

The closing date for receipt of applications is: **Friday 21st February 2014.**

We will treat all applications/expressions of interest confidentially and information will only be given to the appropriate personnel.