LIBRARIES NI BOARD MEMBERS

ALDERMAN THOMAS BURNS
Alderman Burns is a Board Member of Safe Food Ireland and also serves on the Board of Governors of three local schools. He was previously a Chair of Crumlin Credit Union and a Member of the North Eastern Education and Library Board. Alderman Burns brings human resources management and project management skills and experience to the Board. He is a member of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

ALDERMAN TOM CAMPBELL
Alderman Campbell is a qualified solicitor and has his own practice, Campbell Stafford Solicitors. He is a former High Sheriff of Belfast. He has brought senior level management and human resources management experience and skills to the Board. Alderman Campbell is a member of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

PROFESSOR BERNARD CULLEN
Chairperson of Libraries NI
Professor Cullen is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Queens University, Belfast and a Training Fellow of the Institute of Psychoanalysis (London). He is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Parkanaur Residential College. A former Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Queen’s, he has also been Vice-President of the Belfast and District Trades Union Council, President of the Irish Philosophical Society, President of the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations, Philosophy Consultant to the European Science Foundation Project on Social Justice, and Chair of the Ethics Committee of the British Confederation of Psychotherapists. Professor Cullen brings skills and experience in relation to equality and social inclusion, as well as considerable Chair experience to Libraries NI.

COUNCILLOR DR JANET GRAY MBE
Councillor Dr Gray is a four times World Disabled Water Ski Champion. She is President of Disability Sports NI as well as a Director on its Board. She is a Special Ambassador for Concern Worldwide and a Patron of First Steps Women’s Centre. Councillor Dr Gray brings board member experience and governance skills to the Board, and is a member of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.
COUNCILLOR GARATH KEATING
Councillor Keating is a qualified solicitor and a Board Member of the Marketplace Theatre Advisory Board, Navan Fort Advisory Board, the Armagh City Centre Management Board and the Armagh Council Events Scrutiny Panel. He was previously Vice-President and Education Officer of Queen’s University Belfast Students’ Union. Councillor Keating brings leadership and corporate governance skills and experience to the Board, and is a member of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

MRS DEIRDRE KENNY
Mrs Kenny was previously Director of Corporate Services in OFMDFM, Director of Health Development in DHSSPS and Director of Road Safety and Vehicle Regulation in DOE. She has experience of gender equality and anti-discrimination issues, and also brings governance and financial responsibility skills to the Board.

ALDERMAN WILLIAM LEATHEM
Alderman Leathem has been an elected Councillor since 2005 for Lisburn City Council and latterly for Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (LCCC), and is a previous Board Member of the Ulster-Scots Agency. Within LCCC, he has served as Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee and the Strategic Community Planning Partnership. As a former Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Leathem brings team working skills and governance experience to the Libraries NI Board.

MRS AMY LUCAS
Mrs Lucas is an Inspector with the Office of the Discretionary Support Commissioner. She brings experience of managing and delivering public services to the Board and will be attending the Board until August 2019 as part of the Strictly Boardroom Scheme.
COUNCILLOR DONAL LYONS
Councillor Lyons is Director of the South Belfast Partnership Board and a National Director of Event Bar and Catering, a not for profit socially focused enterprise. Within Belfast City Council, he has served on a range of committees including the People and Communities Committee. He has also served on the Boards of a number of organisations such as the Human Rights Consortium. Councillor Lyons brings financial management and understanding skills to the Board.

COUNCILLOR CATHAL MALLAGHAN
Councillor Mallaghan is a member of the Cookstown Policing and Community Safety Partnership. He is a Board Member of Pomeroy Development Projects, a local development group. Councillor Mallaghan brings experience of working on committees and strategic planning skills to the Board, and is a member of Mid Ulster District Council.

ALDERMAN STEPHEN MARTIN
Alderman Martin is a qualified corporate and commercial solicitor. He is a Foundation Governor of a Primary School and a Trustee for Lisburn Citizens Advice Bureau. Alderman Martin brings corporate governance experience and project management skills to the Board. He is a member of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.

MS ANGELA MATTHEWS
Ms Matthews is a practising Barrister having been called to the Bar in 2011. She previously practised as an independent management consultant specialising in equality and diversity, advice and training. She is an Independent Member of the Northern Ireland Valuation Tribunal and is a former member of the BBC Audience Council for Northern Ireland. Ms Matthews brings strong communication and advocacy skills to the Board, as well as experience of policy development.
COUNCILLOR SÉAN MCGUIGAN
Councillor McGuigan is Chairman of his local Peace III Committee. He is an Independent Panel Member for the Victims and Survivors Service and a non-Executive Member of the Southern Local Commissioning Group. Councillor McGuigan has brought business planning and leadership experience and skills to the Board. He is a member of Mid Ulster District Council.

COUNCILLOR STEPHEN MCILVEEN
Councillor McIlveen is a Commissioner for the Equality Commission of Northern Ireland and a Board Member of the Victims and Survivors Service. He was previously a member of the Senate of Queen’s University Belfast and a Board Member of Ards Business Centre. Councillor McIlveen brings leadership and corporate governance experience and skills to the Board. He is a member of Ards and North Down Borough Council.

MR HARRY REID
Mr Reid is a partner in HRA, a specialist consultancy working in the field of disability and social inclusion. He was previously a Campaigns and Public Affairs Manager for RNIB, a Committee Member of Volunteer Now and is a former Assistant Librarian. He brings marketing and business planning skills to the Board, as well as public speaking experience.

ALDERMAN MARION SMITH MBE
Alderman Smith has served on a number of public bodies particularly in the fields of health and education, and is currently a non-executive member of the Patient Client Council. She is actively engaged with a number of community and voluntary organisations in the Bangor area. Alderman Smith brings her broad experience of community concerns and strategic planning, along with her policy skills to the Board. She is a member of Ards and North Down Borough Council.
DR MARGARET WARD
Dr Ward was Chief Executive of the Women’s Resource and Development Agency until her retirement in December 2013. She is a Board Member of the Consumer Council and National Museums NI. She brings experience of equality and social inclusion issues, as well as strategic planning skills to the Board.

COUNCILLOR BILLY WEBB MBE JP
Councillor Webb serves on the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (ANBC), formerly the Newtownabbey Borough Council. He is the Vice-Chair of the ANBC Planning Committee and sits on the Policy and Governance Committee. Councillor Webb is the former Chair, and current Vice-President, of the NI Hospice, former Chair, and current Vice-Chair, of a Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and Chair of the Audit Committee of a Housing Association charity. He serves as a Member of the NI Rent Assessment Panel and is a Member of the Drainage Council. He was formerly employed by HMRC. Councillor Webb brings a range of skills and experience relating to strategy and financial understanding to the Board.

MS JANE WILLIAMS
Ms Williams is an Education Officer at National Museums NI and a Lecturer in Museum Studies at the University of Ulster. She was formerly a member of the Northern Ireland Committee of the Heritage Lottery Fund, Chair of the Library Committee of the South Eastern Education and Library Board and a member of the Executive Committee of the Bryson Charitable Group. She has a particular interest in learning and in widening participation. She has brought strategy and policy development skills to the Board.