

LIBRARIES NI BOARD MEMBERS



MS BONNIE ANLEY Chairperson of Libraries NI

Ms Anley holds an MA from Trinity College Dublin and an MSc from Queens University Belfast. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Directors and an accredited Chartered Director. Ms Anley has over 30 years' experience in senior governance roles in the commercial, public and third sectors. She has been a Member of the Broadcasting Council with the BBC, Council Member with the Irish Ships Agents' Association, Board Member with Southern Group Enterprises, Board Member for Warrenpoint Harbour Authority, Board Member Friends of the Earth Trust and Chair of Friends of the Earth Limited (England, Wales and Northern Ireland), Chair of the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service, and Chair of Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners. Bonnie is currently a Lay Board Member of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service where she is Board Safeguarding Champion and a member of both the People & Culture and Remuneration Committees (first appointed 1st April 2020). Bonnie is a Non-Executive Board Member for the Department of Justice (appointed 1st August 2024). Bonnie is a Committee Member of the Institute of Directors, Northern Ireland Committee. She is also a Committee Member of the Public Sector Chairs' Forum. Bonnie brings a range of considerable skills and experience to the Libraries NI Chair role focusing on leadership, delivering results, and communication and collaborative working.

Terms of Appointment:

1 January 2024 – 31 December 2027 (Duration: 4 years)



COUNCILLOR JULIE GILMOUR Vice Chairperson of Libraries NI

Councillor Gilmour is a member of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. She is a member of the Operations committee, which works with council directors and officers to deal with a wide number of services in the Borough, the Peace IV Committee and the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. She is also a member of the Board of Governors of a local primary school. In her past employment she has worked in sales and marketing, skills and experience of which she will bring to the Board.

Term of Appointment:

1 February 2020 - 18 May 2023 (Duration: 3 years 3 months)

19 May 2023 - the date of the next local council elections (May 2027)



COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR CATHCART

Councillor Cathcart is a member of Ards and North Down Borough Council and has held roles on a number of committees including the Planning Committee, Finance Committee and the Environment Committee, through which he brings strategic direction and stakeholder engagement to the Board. He is also Governor at a primary school and a Director on the Board of the North Down Development Organisation, a local enterprise agency.

Term of Appointment:

1 November 2019 - 18 May 2023 (Duration: 3 years 6 months)

19 May 2023 - the date of the next local council elections (May 2027)



MR ADRIAN DRISCOLL

Mr Driscoll is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and an accredited Chartered Engineer. A people-focused, cross-functional leader, he possesses more than 15 years' leadership experience in complex projects at the cutting-edge of technology; he currently heads up a large portfolio for a French multinational with a significant presence in Northern Ireland. In addition to governance, communication, and organisational objective-setting expertise, Adrian brings a blend of public, private and third sector experience to the Board. He sits on the Board of Trustees for the Panasonic Trust charity, but holds no other public appointments.

Term of Appointment:

1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028 (Duration: 4 years)



COUNCILLOR ROSIE KINNEAR

Councillor Kinnear has been a Sinn Féin councillor serving Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council since 2018. She has held various positions during this time, including membership of the Planning Committee, Operations Committee and Community Planning Committee, as well as serving as Deputy Mayor in 2023/24. She brings her experience of providing strategic direction, corporate planning and performance management from those positions to the Board. As a solicitor who ran her own business for five years, she also brings financial management experience. She is a Governor at a local Gaelscoil and the Cultural and Language Officer for her GAA club. She holds no other public appointments.

Term of Appointment:

1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028 (Duration: 4 years)



COUNCILLOR ROISIN LYNCH

Councillor Lynch is a Social Democratic & Labour Party councillor serving Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, where she sits on a number of Committees covering Planning and Community Development. She was previously a director in a family-owned technology business overseeing finance, sales and human resources. She has extensive volunteer experience, including serving as a school governor and volunteering in a number of youth initiatives. She holds no other public appointments.

Term of Appointment:

1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028 (Duration: 4 years)



COUNCILLOR ANDREW MCAULEY

Councillor McAuley is an elected representative on Antrim and Newtownabbey Council, having served as Chair of the Council's Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, and is an active member of the Alliance Party in the local area. Through his role as Operations Director in his family-run commercial business, he brings a range of organisational, project management and human resources skills to the Board. He holds no other public appointments.

Terms of Appointment:

1 March 2023 - the date of the next local council elections (May 2027)



COUNCILLOR MARTIN MCRANDAL

Councillor McRandal is an elected representative on Ards and North Down Council and is an active member of the Alliance Party in the local area. He is a Chartered Insurance Practitioner and Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute. He brings a range of skills to the Board including policy and strategy development, and financial experience. He has also been a Scout Group leader. He holds no other public appointments.

Terms of Appointment:

1 March 2023 - the date of the next local council elections (May 2027)



MS URSULA O'HARE

Ms O'Hare is the Director (Chief Executive Officer) of the Law Centre NI. Her role includes setting the strategic development and direction of the organisation through the delivery of various plans and engagement strategies, whilst abiding by relevant regulatory standards. She has served on the Board of a number of voluntary sector organisations through which she brings governance experience to the Board. She holds no other public appointments and has had no political activity within the last five years.

Term of Appointment:

1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028 (Duration: 4 years)



MRS WENDY OSBORNE OBE

Mrs Osborne is the former Chief Executive Officer for Volunteer Now and has worked within the voluntary and community sector for over 25 years. She is a past Chairperson of CO3 (Chief Officers' third sector) and Joint Chairperson of the Voluntary and Community Sector and Government Joint Forum. She brings experience of stakeholder engagement, strategic vision and good governance to the Board.

Term of Appointment:

1 July 2019 - 30 June 2023 (Duration: 4 years)

1 July 2023 - 30 June 2027 (Duration: 4 years)



MR JOHN PETO

Mr Peto is the Director of Education at the Nerve Centre. With expertise in the digital, education and creative sectors, he has experience of engaging people to deliver solutions and drive change at social and community levels. He has served on a range of boards, trusts and committees within the community and voluntary sector through which he has gained governance and financial oversight skills and experience.

Term of Appointment:

1 July 2019 - 30 June 2023 (Duration: 4 years)

1 July 2023 - 30 June 2027 (Duration: 4 years)



COUNCILLOR GARETH SHARVIN

Councillor Sharvin is a Social Democratic & Labour Party councillor serving Newry, Mourne and Down District Council with particular experience within corporate governance, policy development and strategic planning. He currently works for a multi-national software company as a Supportability Program Manager, managing transformational programs across the organisation. He has a range of active volunteering roles including a Club President of a local football club and Assistant Secretary of his local GAA club. He holds no other public appointments.

Term of Appointment:

1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028 (Duration: 4 years)



MISS LINDA WILSON

Miss Wilson is a former Department of Education Board Member where she contributed to the corporate planning process, financial and performance management. She developed a new Early Years Learning Policy and has wide experience of policy development and governance across a range of NICS Departments. She has also been the Chair of project boards of several major capital projects through which she oversaw risk management and financial progress.

Term of Appointment:

1 November 2019 - 31 October 2023 (Duration: 4 years)

1 November 2023 - 31 October 2027 (Duration: 4 years)

REMUNERATION:

The Chairperson and Members of the Board of Libraries NI receive annual remuneration at rates and on conditions determined by the Department for Communities.

Members and the Chair are paid annually within the ranges:

Chairperson: £10,000 – £15,000

Member: £0 – £5,000

Individual remuneration is reported each year in the Libraries NI Annual Report and Accounts. Members may also receive travel and subsistence allowances by way of repayment of expenses legitimately incurred in the course of carrying out their duties.

TIME COMMITMENT:

The Board of Libraries NI meets six times per year with a number of business specific sub-committees sitting in the intervening periods. Board members generally sit on one or more of these sub-committees and consequently are required to commit some 10-12 days per annum to Board duties.

The Chairperson of the Board sits on all committees and has a significantly wider range of duties and responsibilities requiring significantly greater time commitment.