

**Definition of Social Work**

*The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the point where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work (International Federation of Social Workers 2000)*

**Organisation Structure / Overview****Board of Directors**

Chairperson

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Company Secretary – position filled by the Office Manager

7 Directors of the Board

{\* Max 10 board members}

**Committees of the Board**

1. HR & Governance Committee
2. Finance & Audit Committee
3. CPD Committee
4. Journal Committee
5. International Affairs Committee
6. Membership Growth Committee
7. Mother Baby Home & Adoption
8. Elections & Nominations Committee *\*to be appointed 2024*

**Special Interest Groups at present**

1. Ageing
2. Children & Families
3. Disability
4. Adult Mental Health
5. Foster Care
6. Southern Region
7. Primary Care
8. CAMHS
9. Anti-Racism Advisory Group
10. Adult Safeguarding & Protection

**Social Groups**

1. Retired Social Workers Social Group

**Associate Groups**

1. Head Medical Social Workers

**Our Links with Relevant Agencies & Professional Affiliations**

- CORU, The Social Work Registration Board
- FORAS
- Tusla
- HSE
- International Federation of Social Workers
- Mental Health Reform
- Children's Rights Alliance
- The Wheel
- EAPN Ireland
- Age Action
- Irish Network Against Racism (INAR) & Reporting Racism in Ireland
- Irish Council for Civil Liberties
- Irish Foster Care Association (IFCA)
- Safeguarding Ireland
- National Practice Teaching in Social Work Initiative
- Irish Council for Social Workers in Adoption

**Other**

- Office Manager
- Office Administrator
- Professional Development Coordinator
- Event Administrator

**Who's Who?**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Vivian Geiran              | Chairperson         |
| 2. Majella Hickey             | Vice-Chair          |
| 3. Bridin Murphy              | Treasurer           |
| 4. Rachel McCormack           | Director            |
| 5. Dr. Coletta Dalikeni       | Director            |
| 6. Gary Gartland              | Commercial Director |
| 7. Claire McGettrick          | Commercial Director |
| 8. Sinead McGarry             | Director            |
| 9. Dr. Fiachra Ó'Súilleabháin | Director            |

Vivian Geiran is the Chair of the Board and is the Line Manager to the association's employees.