

# Inclusive Research Network 2012 Organisation of Steering Group

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The National Federation of Voluntary Bodies & the National Institute of Intellectual Disability (NIID) have provided leadership, infrastructure and resources for the IRN to date. With confidence growing within the members of the IRN, a new path was developing. The question now emerged what was the future role of the NIID and FEDVOL going to be.

In late 2011 & early 2012 two separate meetings were held to plan the future work of the IRN. This included the research and training the IRN would carry out over the following years. At these meetings the IRN decided to form a Steering Group to direct the work of the IRN with the NIID and FEDVOL to play a supporting role. At the second meeting people put their names forward to be members of the Steering Group.

The first meeting of the steering group took place on the 17th February 2012. This meeting discussed the transfer of leadership of the IRN from the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies & the National Institute of Intellectual Disability (NIID) to people with intellectual disabilities as well as advocacy and research. It was agreed that five new positions would be created to make the running of the IRN more efficient. The five positions were

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Public Relations Officer
- Treasurer



From Centre ,left to right - Patrick Santry Chair, Arthur Sexton Vice chair, Brian Donohoe secretary and Ger Minogue Public Relations Officer.

At the next meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 these positions and what work was involved with them were discussed further and people were invited to think about them and put their names forward and to be prepared to speak for 2 minutes on what they could bring to the role. It was agreed that elections for the five positions would take place at the next meeting of the steering group on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

At the July meeting there were candidates for four out of five of the positions. Patrick Santry for Chair Arthur Sexton for Vice chair, Brian Donohoe & Louise Whelan for secretary and Ger Minogue for Public Relations Officer. There were no names offered for the position of Treasurer. Patrick, and Arthur and Ger were elected to the posts they went for while Brian & Louise agreed to share the position of secretary

after getting an equal number of votes. There was also a vote for a new position of Assistant Public Relations officer and Joe McGrath from Clare was elected to this position. The IRN will undertake training in September and will then decide what topic will be researched. Presentations will be given on various reports that have been read by the group.

