The Ceannairí Nua (New Leaders) programme is a community development initiative by Irish in Britain and is provided as part of Irish in Britain’s investment in the future of our organisations. It is a free, tailored course providing essential skills, tools, and information for those considering trustee and governance roles; and who have the passion and commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of Irish people in Britain. It is a pathway for those interested in driving change, innovation and sustainability in our rich and diverse network and an opportunity to develop board skills and experience in the voluntary sector

The sessions will consist of a mix of face-to-face and online sessions over the course of ten months. There is a small financial bursary available to help ensure that all can access this course, and to reduce barriers for people keen to participate this programme. Access to the bursary can be discussed at the informal interview stage.

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Please send your application form or any questions about this programme to Aisling McDowell communitydevelopment@irishinbritain.org

**Closing date: Friday 5 September 2025 at 5pm**

# STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Use this section to tell us more about why the programme interests you, why you want to take part and anything else you want to let us know to support your application.

**DECLARATION**

I agree to commit to attending all the seminars and will participate fully in the programme requirements

Signature……………………………… Date ……………………………….

**Please note that this form is optional and will be separated from the rest of your application and will be used for monitoring purposes only.** **Information provided will not be seen by the selection panel. We are committed to equalities and diversity in the way we operate, both for our staff, users and volunteers. By completing this form, you will help us to ensure we are meeting these standards.**

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| **Programme monitoring** |
| Irish in Britain wants to meet the aims and commitments set out in its equality policy. This includes not discriminating under the Equality Act 2010, and building an accurate picture of the make-up of the staff/volunteers/trainees in encouraging equality and diversity. The organisation needs your help and co-operation to enable it to do this, but filling in this form is voluntary. **It is not part of the selection process**.  Gender Man  Woman  Intersex  non-binary  Prefer not to say  If you prefer to use your own term, please specify here …………………….  Are you married or in a civil partnership? Yes  No  Prefer not to say   Age 16-24  25-29  30-34  35-39  40-44  45-49  50-54  55-59  60-64  65+  Prefer not to say   What is your ethnicity?  Ethnic origin is not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. It is about the group to which you perceive you belong. Please tick the appropriate box  **White**  English  Welsh  Scottish  Northern Irish  Irish  British  Gypsy or Irish Traveller   Prefer not to say  Any other white background, please write in:  **Mixed/multiple ethnic groups**  White and Black Caribbean  White and Black African  White and Asian   Prefer not to say  Any other mixed background, please write in:  **Asian/Asian British**  Indian  Pakistani  Bangladeshi  Chinese  Prefer not to say   Any other Asian background, please write in: |
| **Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British**  African  Caribbean  Prefer not to say   Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please write in:  **Other ethnic group**  Arab  Prefer not to say  Any other ethnic group, please write in:    **Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition?**  Yes  No  Prefer not to say   What is the effect or impact of your disability or health condition on your ability to give your best at work? Please write in here: |
| **What is your sexual orientation?**  Heterosexual  Gay  Lesbian  Bisexual   Prefer not to say   If you prefer to use your own term, please specify here: ……………………………………………….….  **What is your religion or belief?**  No religion or belief  Buddhist  Christian  Hindu  Jewish   Muslim  Sikh  Prefer not to say  If other religion or belief, please write in:  **What is your current working pattern?**  Full-time 🗹 Part-time  Prefer not to say   **What is your flexible working arrangement?**  None  Flexi-time  Staggered hours  Term-time hours  Annualised hours  Job-share  Flexible shifts  Compressed hours  Homeworking   Prefer not to say  If other, please write in:  **Do you have caring responsibilities? If yes, please tick all that apply**  None  Primary carer of a child/children (under 18)  Primary carer of disabled child/children   Primary carer of disabled adult (18 and over)  Primary carer of older person   Secondary carer (another person carries out the main caring role)   Prefer not to say  |