



IRISH SEED SAVERS ASSOCIATION

Preserving Ireland's Biodiversity for over twenty years

Education Advisor Voluntary Board Director Role

1.0 Role Summary

- To advise on the development and implementation of Irish Seed Savers education programme
- Education advise – youth, adult, community, and marginalised groups
- Advise on educational initiatives in collaboration with the General Manager and Education Co-ordinator towards ISSA's local, regional, and national educational programme

2.0 Main Responsibilities

- Assist the General Manager and education team to develop a coherent education strategy
- Support the General Manager and education team in networking with ethos aligned organisations, bodies, research institutes, etc.
- Actively participate as a key member of the Education and Advocacy Advisory Group of the Board that will meet four times a year.

3.0 Qualities of a Director

Essential

- Experienced educational practitioner
- Education qualification
- Proven experience at a local or national level in addressing education and/or environmental issues

Desirable

- Previous experience at a Board level
- Environmental / Biodiversity advocacy experience

4.0 Time commitment

- Board meetings take place every 6-8 weeks. If you are not able to attend in person you will be expected to be available for conference call input
- In addition to Board meetings, you will be required to attend advisory group meetings four times a year
- Occasional meetings with the General Manager and the team

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About Us

Irish Seed Savers Association CLG, a registered charity since 1997.

Our purpose is to carry on the preservation and saving of open pollinated heritage vegetable seed and fruit tree varieties; to cultivate and research food varieties of plant material; to provide training programmes on horticulture and bio-diversity; to produce seed and fruit trees and make them available to the Irish and international community; To save as wide a spectrum [as possible] of food plant genetic resources for future generations.

Our aim is to:

- Protect, conserve, research, and utilize seed, grain, vegetable and fruit varieties
- To increase awareness, provide education, and promote the benefits of:
 - agricultural genetic resources
 - biodiversity
 - open pollinated seed saving
- Be a working example of successful agricultural conservation by growing and distributing Irish grown seed and fruit varieties.

We are expanding our current Board of Directors to welcome an education specialist, to advise the Board and General Manager on education matters to enable us to strengthen our strategic plan; address development of educational programmes; and provide support to our education team.

We are based just outside Scarriff, in East Clare. Our Board meet every 6-8 weeks and comprise 5 specialists in business, marketing, education, government grants, and organic growing. This role will help us progress our desire to become an effective employer and encourage the development of our team in the great work they do conserving Ireland's food heritage and developing the potential for protecting our food security for now and future generations.

Applications to be made to manager@irishseedsavers.ie before April 30th 2018.