

Boardmatch Ireland

inspiring leadership and good governance



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www.boardmatchireland.ie

Boardmatch Ireland seeks to enhance the capacity of not for profit organisations by facilitating the recruitment of skilled corporate and public sector professionals to their boards.

Established in 2005, Boardmatch Ireland provides a free, web-based service for business professionals to register their interest in volunteering their skills at board level and uses the same service for boards of not for profit organisations to register their skill requirements.

In addition, Boardmatch Ireland works with companies on key leadership development initiatives for their staff, encouraging emerging leaders to volunteer through Boardmatch.

Boardmatch Ireland's Achievements

- More than 900 business professionals registered
- Over 400 not for profit boards registered
- Over 200 successful matches between business professionals and boards
- Enhanced governance knowledge in the not for profit sector
- Strategic collaboration with ACCA, The Wheel, Disability Federation Ireland
- Successful funding partnerships with Accenture, Bank of Ireland and the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

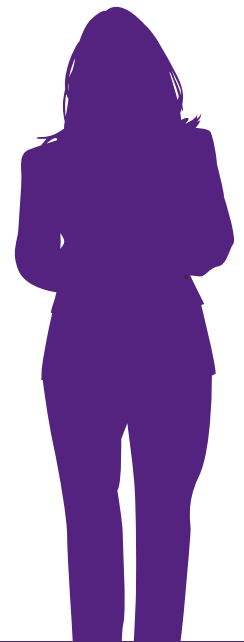
Benefits for not for profit organisations

- Accessing new skill sets onto boards
- Increasing the board's diversity
- Developing contacts in the corporate business world
- Developing best practice in governance
- Introducing new perspectives, enthusiasm and expertise at a strategic level
- New thinking



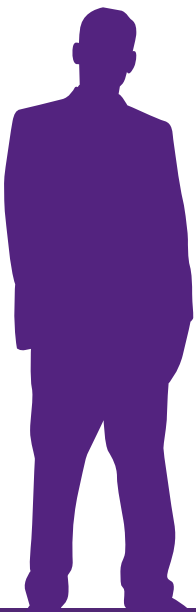
Benefits for business professionals

- Putting skills and experience into something “real”
- Developing new networks
- Expressing a practical passion for a cause
- Strengthening leadership skills
- Enhancing personal, career and professional development
- Engaging with different values, thinking and practices



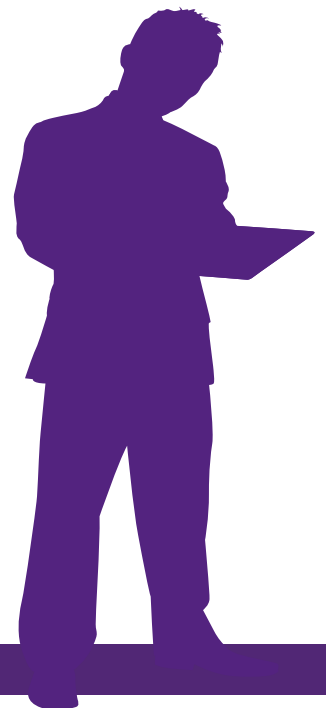
Benefits for corporate partners

- Raising the profile of businesses and their corporate social responsibility
- Developing leadership potential in employees
- Expanding staff skill sets, particularly in corporate governance
- New networks, new contacts, new opportunities
- Employees with greater confidence, determination and compassion



Other services

- **Chairs Forum** – an online resource designed to inform, support and guide Chairs of not for profit organisations. Peer support, mentoring, coaching and local information meetings.
- **Executive Search** – funded service to identify and attract high calibre professionals to boards, whilst maintaining complete confidentiality around the search.
- **Board Support** – programmes designed to enhance a board's performance, including independent skills audits, strategic plan monitoring and guidance, mediation and recruitment.
- **Preparing staff for strategic leadership** – in house training sessions, workshops and one to one coaching, designed to supplement the skills of employees with key information about governance in the not for profit sector.



What business professionals say

“My work with the charitable organisation has been much needed especially in governance and strategy development. That said I have achieved more fulfilment in helping them.”

“I registered with Boardmatch to continue my professional development and contribute to society in a more meaningful way.”



“Boardmatch is a fantastic opportunity for those who have always wanted to make a positive contribution in the not for profit sector but do not know where to start. It really does open up a whole new world.”

“The Boardmatch Ireland website has a brilliant way of matching you to organisations based on the criteria that you have indicated. You are assured of confidentiality of your personal details.”

What not for profit organisations say

“Boardmatch provided the Irish Hospice Foundation with a new member who is the Marketing Director for a large commercial organisation. This director has had an immediate impact in our branding and fundraising activities.”

Irish Hospice Foundation

“As a result of Boardmatch we have secured four excellent Board members. Each bring a different focus and experience to the board. It was as if a window had been opened and fresh air full of new ideas had blown into the room.”

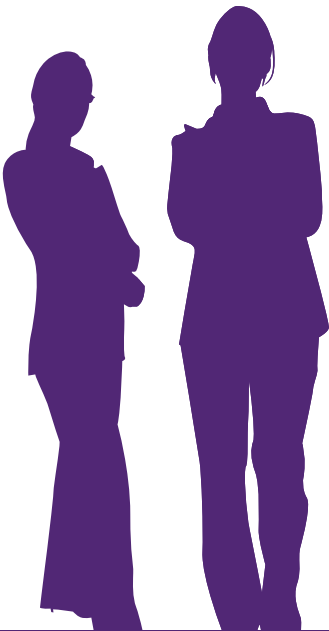
MRCS, Dublin

“The Boardmatch website made the whole process of interaction so easy and now we have a new and very experienced Board member.”

COPE, Galway

“Boardmatch enabled us to meet two candidates we probably would not have encountered through the word of mouth process we had normally used when recruiting directors.”

Mid West Simon Community



What our partners say

“Accenture is delighted to partner with Boardmatch Ireland, as part of our focus on Corporate Citizenship. It gives Accenture employees the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in the boardroom whilst simultaneously allowing a not for profit organisation to tap into Accenture’s resources. It is a great way for our employees to give something back to society by transferring the skills and expertise they’ve gained from the business world into the not for profit sector.”

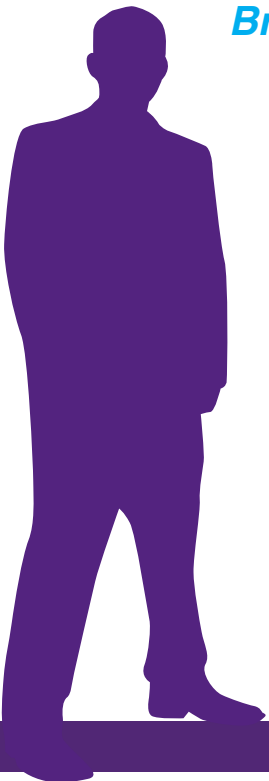
Carmel Woods, Corporate Citizenship Manager, Accenture

“Employees participating in Boardmatch will have an opportunity to broaden their knowledge, build external networks and develop their potential as future business leaders. For these reasons, I believe it is a smart investment by any business interested in the development of its people.”

Brian Goggin, Group Chief Executive, Bank of Ireland

“This Department values the opportunity to co-fund this initiative with the private sector. Boardmatch enhances opportunities for community and voluntary groups to access professional skills and experience, essential to good governance. On the other side for the individuals and companies volunteering, the arrangement provides rich and rewarding experiences – while also advancing active citizenship and corporate social responsibility.”

**Gerry Kearney, Secretary General,
Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs**



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