



## **Board of Directors / Trustees**

### **Sharon McArdle – Chair**

Sharon McArdle trained as an Actor-Musician at Rose Bruford College, UK and then as a Speech and Drama teacher at the Guildhall College of Music and Drama, London. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma and a Master of Studies in Drama in Education from Trinity College Dublin. Currently Sharon is full time lecturer in Drama Education at the School of Arts and Movement, DCU. She is an active member of the ADEI (Association for Drama Education, Ireland) committee.

Date of appointment: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### **Moya Hodgers**

Moya holds a degree in Communication and Media Studies from University of Ulster in Coleraine. She works for Louth County Council and was appointed Acting Arts Officer with the council in May 2021. From a young age she has been involved in local theatre thanks to the influence of her mother, Marie Hearty. She has taken many roles with several local drama groups and has been resident Stage Manager with local musical theatre group S.O.N.G for which she has received nominations from both AIMS and Waterford Light Opera Festival. When she has spare time, she loves to write and has completed her first novel, yet to be published. She is very much looking forward to her new role being on the board of An Táin.

Date of appointment: May 2021

### **Erin McGreehan**

Erin has served as a Senator since June 2020. She has a huge interest in the arts, the dramatic arts, having previously been a member of amateur drama groups. Erin looks forward to her time on the Board, and is committed to promoting the current programme and making An Táin Arts Centre a hub for all creativity in Louth.

Date of appointment: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Seán Kelly**

Seán was elected to Louth County Council in May 2019 for the Dundalk Carlingford Electoral Area. He is the current Event Director for the Darkness into Light event held in DKIT every May. He's a former President of the Friary Youth Club and Knockadoon Youth Week. He volunteers as a beaver leader with St Patrick's Scout Group on the Castletown Road and his day job is in Leinster House working as a Parliamentary Advisor to the Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann.

Date of appointment: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**John Reilly**

John Reilly is Councillor on Louth County Council with a deep interest in history and heritage of county Louth. John looks forward to helping promote the arts in this very challenging of times.

Date of appointment: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Ruth Sands**

Ruth is originally from Dundalk and her background is IT, with a B.SC. in Computer Science from DCU. 20 years ago, herself and her husband bought the local business, Food Solutions, from her parents Richard and Joan Martin. She has been on various parent's councils acting as Chairperson in some and secretary in others. She was also a member of the board of management in St. Vincents Dundalk for 6 years.

Date of appointment: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Catherine MacGinley**

Catherine is a solicitor practicing in Dundalk. She has both a professional and personal interest in the arts, having acted for broadcast and print media organisations and as a former member of an amateur drama group. She is a (very) occasional voice artist. Catherine is President of the County Louth Solicitors' Bar Association and Deputy Chair of the Board of Foscadh Housing CLG.

Date of appointment: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021