



Craft Advisory Panel Member: Role Description

Craft NI is seeking applications for nine members of its Craft Advisory Panel.

Role Description: Member of Craft Advisory Panel

Location: Meeting at Craft NI, Belfast, two or three times per year, or at locations outside Belfast by arrangement.

Duration of role: three years

About Craft NI

Craft NI, is the sector-lead body for the promotion and development of the design-led contemporary craft industry in Northern Ireland.

Craft NI supports and promotes the craft industry as an integral, entrepreneurial and vibrant part of the region's economic and cultural infrastructure. Its key partners include; regional government and agencies, local government, cultural organisations, universities and colleges of further and higher education, private business and industry.

Craft NI and its programmes are funded and supported by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

The Craft Advisory Panel (CAP).

The CAP will be an essential element of Craft NI's links to and communications with the sector. The Panel will provide advice and insights to inform the development of Craft NI's strategies and action plans, based on its members' knowledge, experience and expertise in craft and in their own craft discipline(s).

Responsibilities of the role

Members of the Craft Advisory Panel will:

- Advocate for and develop the craft sector in Northern Ireland;
- Provide input into the development of Craft NI strategy and artistic programme;
- Ensure that Craft NI Board is kept informed of major developments and innovations in crafts in general and in particular disciplines;

- Serve as a channel of professional advice within the areas of expertise represented on the Group;
- Identify new opportunities and trends;
- Deepen links and increase communication between Craft NI and makers in Northern Ireland across all Craft disciplines and their own;
- Advocate for the work of Craft NI.

Recruitment to the Panel

- We are inviting NI makers in any of the recognised craft disciplines to nominate members of the Advisory Panel in their discipline;
- Disciplines may wish to meet or convene on social media to identify nominees; or alternatively submit individual recommendations;
- Where only one candidate is identified, they will be invited to join the panel;
- Where more than one candidate is nominated, Craft NI will ask all if they are willing to be considered for the role; and will then select on the basis of cv and interview based on the person specification below.

Person Specification

- Commitment to the objectives of Craft NI to be a champion for craft in Northern Ireland;
- Significant recent experience in craft in Northern Ireland in one of the recognised disciplines – textiles, ceramics, glass, metal, leather, wood, jewellery, stone, mixed media.
- Demonstrable understanding of the craft environment in NI and across the islands, including professional and artistic development, retail and exhibitions;
- Excellent team working skills and ability to collaborate;
- Excellent communication skills and knowledge of the craft sector in Northern Ireland.

How to Nominate

- Please send nominations to the Chair of the Craft Advisory Panel, Rory Shearer, at info@craftni.org by **Monday 25th November 2019**.
- Nominees will be contacted to affirm they give their consent to joining the panel, where there is more than one nominee, to provide a cv and covering letter.
- Selection of the Panel will be carried out by the Board of Craft NI against the Person Specification.

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