

OFFALY CHIEF IN TUNE WITH MUSIC GENERATION

The Board of Music Generation has announced the appointment of its most recent member, Chief Executive of Offaly County Council, Anna Marie Delaney, who takes up the role as nominee of the County and City Management Association (CCMA), succeeding Jackie Maguire (Chief Executive, Meath County Council).

Chairperson of Music Generation Leo Blennerhassett said that Anna Marie Delaney brings a wealth of experience to Music Generation, spanning the breadth of local government management. “Her knowledge and expertise will be invaluable at this next phase of our programme’s development, as we continue to build and strengthen the local partnerships that will ultimately enable access to music tuition for many more children and young people in Ireland.”



Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive of Offaly County Council.

Offaly’s Chief Executive, who is a long-standing champion of music, culture and the arts throughout the agencies and counties in which she has served, said that she is a strong advocate for the value of nurturing young people’s creative potential.

“Music Generation has already made great strides in both areas and I look forward to collaborating with my fellow Board members to progress its ambitious vision for the future,” Anna Marie Delaney added.

Appointed Chief Executive of Offaly County Council in February 2016, she has more than 30 years’ service in the local government sector. She started her career with Offaly County Council and subsequently worked with Galway County Council, the Midland Regional Authority, Kildare County Council and Laois County Council in a variety of roles. She also served as Director of Services in Laois County Council from April 2006, covering areas including HR, ICT, Planning, Housing, Economic Development, Community, Libraries, Tourism and the Arts.

ABOUT MUSIC GENERATION

Music Generation is Ireland’s national music education programme, initiated by Music Network and co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships.

‘Phase 1’ of Music Generation established the programme in Louth, Mayo, Sligo, Cork City, Laois, Wicklow, Carlow, Limerick City, Offaly/Westmeath, Clare and South Dublin. In September 2017 a further nine areas were selected to participate in ‘Phase

BOARD MEMBERS OF MUSIC GENERATION

- Leo Blennerhassett (Chair), Management consultant and former MD of Accenture Ireland.
- Pat Burke, career civil servant, former Assistant Secretary General at the Dept of Education and past chair of the State Examinations Commission.
- Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive, Offaly County Council.
- Dr Clóna Doris, Senior Lecturer and Chair of the MMus in Performance Programme at DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama.
- Martin Drury, arts practitioner and policy-maker, consultant and adviser, former Director of Strategic Development at the Arts Council.
- David Leahy, Chief Executive, Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board.
- Deirdre McCrea, arts consultant and former CEO of Music Network.
- James Morris, co-founder of Windmill Lane Studios and Windmill Lane Pictures, former Chairman of the Irish Film Board.
- Chantal O’Sullivan, antiques dealer and gallery owner.
- Bill Whelan, composer, musician and producer.

For each member’s full biography visit www.musicgeneration.ie/about/director/

2’ – Galway County, Waterford, Wexford, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Leitrim, Kilkenny, Cavan/Monaghan, Galway City and Roscommon. And in December 2017 the Government announced its commitment to support expansion of the programme nationwide by 2022.

Currently the programme creates more than 48,500 opportunities each year for children and young people to engage in high-quality, subsidised performance music education across more than 150 different programmes in all musical genres and styles – from traditional to jazz, rock, pop and hip-hop, samba drumming, brass band, choral and orchestral initiatives, composers clubs and much more.

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