



Annual Report 2022



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Mission and Values

Social Justice Ireland works to build a just and sustainable society. We do this by:

- **Researching** to produce coherent, independent, evidence-based social analysis which:
 - identifies policy pathways towards a just and sustainable society,
 - addresses the structural causes of injustice, whether these be economic, political, cultural or social, and
 - promotes core societal values of human dignity, sustainability, equality, human rights and the common good.
- **Communicating** our analysis and that of others, to inform the public, academia and politics, and to advocate for a just and sustainable society across all relevant local, national and international public policy areas.
- **Empowering** other societal actors, by facilitating initiatives and working in partnership with citizens, organisations and institutions which share our goals, whether in Ireland, the EU or globally.
- **Organising** a modern, efficient, financially sustainable, and regulatory compliant charitable organisation.

Values

Social Justice Ireland is an organisation which envisages a just and sustainable society where human rights are respected, human dignity is upheld, human development is promoted and the environment is respected and protected.

Social Justice Ireland understands justice as a harmony that comes from fidelity to right relationships between people, institutions and the environment. In carrying out our work we adhere to the following values:

- **Excellence:** We will be a centre of excellence, credible and effective in all that we do.
- **Leadership:** We will be visionary about an achievable sustainable future, unwavering in pursuit of our goals, while remaining responsive and adaptive to the evolution of the political, policy or public opinion environment.
- **Collaboration:** We will engage and respond in a spirit of dialogue with all societal actors. We will speak in a language appropriate to particular audiences, and draw on the work and evidence of our members.
- **Independence:** We will be independent in our mission, research and analysis of policy.

Core Programmes

To ensure both effectiveness and efficiency in our work and to achieve our strategic objectives, *Social Justice Ireland* has three programmes, each with a number of projects. These programmes address:

- 1) Public Policy and Research
- 2) Empowerment
- 3) Communications

Work Programme 2021-2022

The Strategic Plan of *Social Justice Ireland* covers the period 2020-2025. A work programme is developed each year on the basis of this plan. The following pages outline the work done during the past year, covering the period September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. The work is summarised under each of the three Core Programmes, Public Policy & Research; Empowerment and Communications.

Public Policy and Research

Public Policy and Research

Research

- Published 'A Review of Housing for All'.
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- Published 'Social Justice Matters Policy Brief – Healthcare'.
- Published 'Delivering a Basic Income Pilot – a quick guide'.
- Published 'National Social Monitor – Ireland Social Scoreboard'.
- Published 'Housing and Poverty 2022' policy briefing.
- Published our Sustainable Progress Index comparing the performances of the EU-14 countries on progressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) entitled Measuring Progress: The Sustainable Progress Index 'Measuring Progress: Sustainable Progress Index 2022'.
- Researched and published the 2022 edition of the Socio-Economic Review - Social Justice Matters: a 2022 guide to a fairer Irish society
- Organised and collated the PPN Annual Report for 2021 drawing together the responses of Public Participation Networks (PPNs) from Local Authorities across the country.
- Prepared and published our National Social Monitor: Just Transition.
- Published a response to Government's 'Cost of Living' measures.
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- Published 'Distributive Impacts of Budgets - 2022 Edition'.
- Published 'Migrations in Our Common Home: Responding with Care – Ireland's response to the Ukrainian Crisis'
- Published 'Housing Costs and Poverty 2022'.
- Published 'Budget Choices 2023'.
- Published 'Europe After Covid: Reversal or Renewal', the fourteenth publication in our European Research Series.
- Published 'Social Justice Matters Policy Brief: Public Services'.
- Continued the research on a Universal Pension.
- Worked with the Living Wage Technical Group on updating the living wage rate.

Submissions

In the past year *Social Justice Ireland*

- Made a Submission to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications on the Climate Action Plan 2021.
- Made a submission to the Department of Children, Inequality, Disability, Integration and Youth on the Equality Acts.
- Made a submission to the Commission on Taxation and Welfare.
- Made a submission to the European Commission fact finding mission to Ireland.
- Attended a meeting with the European Commission Ireland team as part of the 2022 European Semester/ Recovery and Resilience Facility fact finding mission.
- Made a submission to the Department of An Taoiseach on Ireland's National Reform Programme 2022.
- Made a submission to the Low Pay Commission on the National Minimum Wage.
- Made a submission to the European Economic and Social Committee on the involvement of Organised Civil Society in the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs)
- Made a submission to the Department of Social Protection and Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on Ireland's national contribution to the European Pillar of Social Rights targets on employment and poverty.
- Made a submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development about the Mazars PPN Review Report.
- Made a submission to the Department of Social Protection and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on Ireland's targets on poverty and employment in the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan.
- Made a submission to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications on the Second National Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development Goals.
- Made a submission to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the White Paper on Enterprise.
- Made submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action on the implementation of Carbon Budgets.
- Made submission to the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight on the Indexation of the Taxation and Social Protection Systems.

Europe

- Published 'From Crash to Covid and Beyond: A review of the social situation in Europe'.
- Attended a meeting with the European Commission Ireland team as part of the 2022 European Semester/ Recovery and Resilience Facility fact finding mission.
- Made a submission to the Department of An Taoiseach on Ireland's National Reform Programme 2022.
- Made a submission to the European Economic and Social Committee on the involvement of Organised Civil Society in the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs).

- Made a submission to the European Commission consultation on the review of the EU Economic Governance Framework.
- Contributed to a 'Better Europe Alliance' submission on a review of the EU Economic Governance Framework to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform.
- Hosted an event on the 'Conference on the Future of Europe' with representatives of the Public Participation Networks on 'a fairer and more inclusive economy'. A report on the main recommendations was submitted to the Conference on the Future of Europe and presented by the Irish delegation at a plenary session in Strasbourg in December 2021.
- Attended a stakeholder roundtable on the EU Digital Package hosted by Minister Robert Troy and EC DG CONNECT.
- Made a submission to the European Commission fact finding mission to Ireland.
- Made a submission to the Department of Social Protection and Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on Ireland's national contribution to the European Pillar of Social Rights targets on employment and poverty.
- Invited to meet and engage with the European Economic and Social Committee as part of their evaluation of the impact of the European Fund for Strategic Investment in Ireland.
- Contributed a written report to the European Economic and Social Committee on the EESC evaluation of the European Fund for Strategic Investment.
- Published the fourteenth publication in the European Research Series 'Europe After Covid: Reversal or Renewal' and presented the main findings to the European Commission Semester Officers in Dublin.

Better Europe Alliance

- Continued our engagement with the Better Europe Alliance which is focused on the European Semester.
- Contributed to a 'Better Europe Alliance' submission on a review of the EU Economic Governance Framework to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform.

Caritas Europa

- Approved the Ireland Caritas CARES report for the Caritas Europa CARES project 2021.
- Awarded the contract to produce the 2023 Caritas CARES poverty report (following a tender process).
- Delivered a two-day webinar for Caritas Europa as part of the 2023 Caritas CARES poverty report process.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- To celebrate UN Day for Social Justice we organised a webinar attended by 110 people to launch 'Measuring Progress: Sustainable Progress Index 2022'. This Index shows how Ireland is doing vis-à-vis the EU-14 on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- The presentation was followed by a very lively question and answer session
- Researched and published a 2-page policy-focused summary with recommendations for action on SDGs, at both Local Authority and National Government level.

National Economic & Social Council (NESC)

Seán Healy, as an elected representative of the Community and Voluntary Pillar, participates in the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) meetings. During the year they have worked on study papers addressing:

- Climate and Biodiversity
- Housing
- Economy, Resilience and Vulnerability
- Just Transition in Agriculture
- Lessons from the Pandemic for Public Policy in Ireland
- Place-based opportunities for Policy and Practice in Transition.

Meetings with Government, Officials, Politicians & Advisers

- Met with Minister for Finance and Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on Budget 2022 as part of CV Pillar bilateral meeting.
- Met with Fianna Fail parliamentary party to discuss priorities for Budget 2022.
- Met with Social Democrats Councillors on the SDGs.
- Attended the Sinn Féin Budget Roundtable on Social Welfare.
- Presented at the Green Party National Conference on Public Participation.
- Invited to present to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action on the implementation of Carbon Budgets.
- Invited to present to the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight on the Indexation of the Taxation and Social Protection Systems.
- Met with the Minister for Housing to discuss Housing for All.
- Met with Minister of State Joe O'Brien to discuss policy proposals to deal with the rising cost of living.
- Invited to present to the Fianna Fáil parliamentary party on energy costs and energy poverty.
- Invited to attend a Department of Education Stakeholder briefing on the expansion of the DEIS programme.
- Attended the first meeting of 'Our Rural Future Implementation Advisory Group'.
- Met with Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, Minister for Transport, Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan and Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphries where income adequacy and cost of living issues were discussed.
- Attended the National Economic Dialogue.
- Attended the Social Inclusion Forum.
- Attended the Department of Social Protection Pre-Budget Forum.
- Attended the National Climate Dialogue Stakeholder Forum on Just Transition.
- Attended a Department of Education Stakeholder briefing on the response to the Ukrainian crisis at primary and second level.

Meetings with, and via, Community & Voluntary Pillar of Social Partners

- Participated in the regular meetings of the CV Pillar.
- Represented the Social Inclusion Pillar on the National Advisory Committee on Public Participation Networks (PPNs).
- Continued the ongoing dialogue in the CV Pillar concerning the future iterations of Social Dialogue.
- Represented the CV Pillar on the Steering Committee of the National Strategy for Women and Girls.
- Participated in the CV Pillar annual think-in.
- Elected as the CV Pillar representative in the Implementation Advisory Group for 'Our Rural Future' and attended the first meeting of this group.
- Attended a meeting of the Department of Social Protection Technical Advisory Group.
- Participated in a meeting between the CV Pillar and the Environmental Pillar on social dialogue.
- Attended the Southern and Eastern Operational Programme 2016-2020 Monitoring Committee meeting.
- Attended a civic forum focus group organised by Crowe on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development.
- Met with An Taoiseach, Minister Eamon Ryan, Minister Heather Humphreys and senior civil servants from the Department of An Taoiseach as part of the CV Pillar meeting on 'Social Dialogue'.
- Represented the CV Pillar on the Southern and Eastern Operational Programme 2016-2020 Monitoring Committee.
- Represented the CV Pillar on the Community Services Programme Review Group
- Helped to organise and participated in the following bilateral meetings with Government Departments:
 - Department of Rural and Community Development.
 - Department of Health.
 - Department of Social Protection.
 - Department of Education.
 - Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.
 - Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.
 - Department of Public Expenditure & Reform.
 - Department of Justice.

Basic Income

- Presented at a seminar on Basic Income for Artists organised by SIPTU and Irish Equity.
- Prepared a briefing 'Delivering a Basic Income Pilot – a quick guide' in response to Budget 2022's announcement regarding a pilot basic income guarantee scheme for artists.
- Made a submission to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media consultation on the Basic Income for the Arts (BIA) pilot scheme.
- Preparing a briefing on Basic Income for the Commission on Taxation and Social Welfare.
- Attended meetings of the Steering Group and the AGM of Basic Income Ireland
- Gave a presentation on pathways to a basic income to the Humanist Association of Ireland.

Social Policy Conference 2021

- The theme of the Conference was ‘Social Rights for All? Time to Deliver on the European Pillar of Social Rights’. The conference was held online.
- There was a panel of 10 speakers, five international speakers and five national speakers to discuss different aspects of the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- The papers and videos are available on the website and the individual presentations have been uploaded as podcasts.
- Feedback was very positive, both from attendees and from speakers.
- There were three sessions with a panel of international and national speakers. The first session focussed on a progress on the European Pillar of Social Rights at a European level and challenges facing member states. The second session explored the need for a green and more social pillar and impacts on workers and the final session examined elements of the European Pillar of Social Rights from an Irish perspective.
- There was significant engagement from attendees in all sessions.
- The recordings of each session were made available on the website and also released as podcasts.
- We published the papers as a book entitled ‘Social Rights for All? Time to Deliver on the European Pillar of Social Rights’ on the day of the conference.

Budget 2022 and Budget 2023

- Budget 2022:
 - Attended the CV Pre-Budget pillar meeting with the Minister for Finance, Pascal Donohoe TD and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Michael McGrath, T.D.
 - An analysis and critique of Budget 2022 published on the day following the Budget.
 - Held a post-budget webinar via zoom which was livestreamed through our website to launch this publication the day after Budget 2022 was announced.
- Budget 2023:
 - Published a Policy Briefing Budget Choices 2023 which included fully costed Budget proposals.
 - Held a webinar which was live-streamed through our website to launch Budget Choices 2023.
 - Presented Budget 2023 priorities to the Joint Committee on Budgetary Oversight.
 - Attended the Pre-Budget forum hosted by the Minister for Social Protection, Ms. Heather Humphreys TD.

Empowerment

a) Workshops/Conferences/Seminars

Social Justice Ireland facilitated and/or provided input to **14** workshops/conferences/seminars on a variety of public policy and values issues. These figures **do not include** the work with the Public Participation Networks (PPNs) which is outlined in the next section.

Among these workshops/seminars/conferences were the following presentations:

- As part of our work with the SMAs we chaired and provided Secretariat support for the Roundtable on Migrations in Our Common Home.
- Contributed to a joint policy statement on energy poverty by environmental and community and voluntary organisations and took part in a panel discussion during the launch in Leinster House on the 6th July.
- Took part in a panel discussion on poverty in Ireland to mark UN day for the Eradication of Poverty organised by ASTER family resource centre in Balbriggan.
- Presented our Budget 2022 Analysis and Critique at the NERI webinar on Budget 2022.
- Presented at a webinar on Basic Income for Artists organised by SIPTU and Irish Equity.
- Designed the resource on poverty and social inclusion for Dublin City Council's Inclusion and Integration week website.
- Participated in the Wellbeing Economy for All (WEAll) launch of the WEAll Hub with keynote speaker Kate Raworth.
- Took part in an expert panel exploring the policy implications stemming from incorporating sustainability into food based dietary guidelines led by UCC's School of Public Health.
- Presented to MA Journalism students from Griffith College on Budget 2022.
- Presented at the Association of Home Economics Teachers Annual Conference on Housing.
- Presented to the biennial conference of the Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies.
- Took part in the Oxfam First World Problems live podcast webinar.
- Presented the National Social Monitor – Just Transition at the request of the Just Transition Greens.
- Took part in a panel discussion on Just Transition, Energy Poverty and Biodiversity at the Social Democrats Summer School.

b) Public Participation Networks (PPNs)

We continued to engage with the Department of Rural and Community Development and PPNs to support the development of the Public Participation Networks. This work included:

- Continuous engagement across the PPNs to support delivery.
- Rolled out PPN Training with the support of South East Technological University to Region 2 and 3 participants and attended a review meeting of this training.
- Provided strategic supports to the Department of Rural and Community Development for PPNs.
- Designed and delivered bespoke training to Limerick, Sligo, Carlow, Westmeath, Kildare and Fingal PPNs.
- Designed and delivered Online Training modules for PPNs.
- Engaged further with the Department of Rural and Community Development on supports for the Visions for Community Wellbeing project; the Annual Report for 2021; and the structural review.
- Attended review meeting for the WIT PPN training.
- Completed the final draft of the PPN Annual Report 2021
- Held seven consultations, online and in person, with PPN stakeholders for the submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development about the Mazars PPN Review Report.

c) MA in Social Justice & Public Policy

- 14 participants are taking part in this programme and are due to complete the cycle in 2022.
- Taught three modules of the programme.
- Contributed to the joint coordination of the programme with SETU and Programme Board meetings.
- Had a meeting with the team from WIT to monitor progress on the programme and took part in a Programme Board meeting.
- Recruitment for the next two-year cycle has been impacted by the cost of living crisis and been put on hold until 2023. The second cohort of 14 students taking the MA in Social Justice and Public Policy from Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) have completed the first year of their course.

d) Trocaire

- We implemented the agreed programme of work for Trocaire which included input and Research on Overseas Development Aid.

e) ALONE

- *Social Justice Ireland* continues our work with ALONE providing research and advisory services on housing, health and funding options and supports on strategy.
- Working with ALONE to support delivery and ongoing review and assessment of the ALONE Enhanced Community Care (ECC) project in partnership with the HSE under Slaintecare.

f) Living Wage Group

- We continued our involvement with the Living Wage Technical Group which sets the rate for the Living Wage each year.

Communications

a) Communication with Members

- We send a weekly update to members, and others, about the news items on our website.
- We send a monthly newsletter to all members.
- We also notify members about upcoming events as appropriate.

b) Publications

- 'A Review of Housing for All'.
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Conference and webinars

- We live-streamed our response to Budget 2022, and the launch of Budget Choices 2023. We held our 2021 annual Social Policy Conference online. We also held webinars to launch 'Measuring Progress: Sustainable Progress Index 2021', and 'Social Justice Matters 2022'.

c) Website

- *Social Justice Ireland's* new website has had a very positive response with much favourable comment on its content and the quality of what is being presented.

d) Newsreleases

- *Social Justice Ireland* issued **31** news releases during the year; some were promoting our publications and events, while others were responding to developments and highlighting our position on various issues.

e) Electronic and Print Media Coverage

- *Social Justice Ireland* engaged with the media, print and electronic, so as to promote the outcomes we sought in the various issues raised. In the past year we are aware of the following coverage in the media:
 - We have featured in national and local broadcast media 187 times in the period of this annual report.
 - 2 **TV** interviews broadcast on news and current affairs programmes.
 - The *Social Justice Ireland* YouTube channel hosts all of our online content including social policy conference, webinar, PPN and MA in Social Justice and Public Policy.
 - 65 interviews on **National Radio** news and current affairs programmes.
 - 120 interviews on **Local Radio** current affairs programmes.
 - Over 94 stories in the **National** press including 7 editorials and 8 op-ed articles across all broadsheet title, one regional newspapers group and two tabloid titles.
 - 134 online newspaper articles.
 - We are aware of a number of articles in the **Local press** but don't have the resources to track them.

f) Social Media

- Our combined social media footprint is now 30,947 up from 27,103 (+14%) in the past year

g) Podcast

- We released 48 podcasts in the reporting year. Our podcasts take one of three formats – our SJI Interview Series, where we interview experts on a range of policy topics; our SJI Seminar Series, where we take a look back at presentations from our various conferences and seminars; and our SJI Ten Minute Lessons Series, where we provide a brief overview by way of introduction to some policy issues.

Evaluation, Impacts and Outcomes

Evaluation is an ongoing process where great attention is given to outcomes and impacts. It is carried out in the following phases:

- h) The weekly team meetings where specific projects are reviewed in relation to inputs and outputs. The short-term impacts and outcomes (both planned and unexpected) are assessed. The learnings are noted.
- i) The annual ‘think-in’ by the team provides an opportunity to reflect on these learnings and the medium-term outcomes when planning the following year’s work.
- j) The sub-committees of the Board monitor the activities within their areas of interest.
- k) At its regular meetings, the Board reviews the report by the staff on outcomes and impacts of recent and current activities.
- l) A thoughtful and well-focused preparation ensures that the annual think-in by the Board gives space for medium to long-term evaluation of outcomes and impacts.

Proposals for the Future

The work of *Social Justice Ireland* for the coming year will be in the service of our Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

Members of the Board

Members of the Board of Social Justice Ireland

Tony Fahey (Chairperson)
Margaret Hassett (Deputy Chairperson)
Connor Barry Angela Durkin
Joe Egan Tony Fahey
Sara Bourke Pat Healy
Michael Howlett Justin Kilcullen
Maureen O’Sullivan Sandra McCullagh
Finbarr Tracey Michael Tobin
Seán Ward
Brigid Reynolds (Company Secretary)
Micheál Collins (Public Policy Adviser)

Staff of Social Justice Ireland

Seán Healy	Chief Executive Officer
Brigid Reynolds	Deputy CEO
Colette Bennett	Economic and Social Analyst
Susanne Rogers	Research and Policy Analyst
Michelle Murphy	Research and Policy Analyst
Liz Burdock	Finance Manager
Sibéal Devilly	Policy Intern

Retiring members of the Board

- Joe Egan
- Margaret Hassett
- Justin Kilcullen
- Sandra McCullagh
- Finbarr Tracey

The following have been nominated for election to the Board

- Joe Egan
- Margaret Hassett
- Justin Kilcullen
- Sandra McCullagh
- Finbarr Tracey

Financial Statement*

Income	2022 (€)	2021 (€)
Membership	16,311	19,268
Donations	9,025	10,327
Grants	18,000	18,000
SMA Grant	20,250	15,000
Teaching & Consultancy	38,770	35,598
Conferences	-	-
Department of Rural and Community Development	73,476	73,478
Books	-	-
Research	67,819	47,660
SSNO Grant	86,550	88,750
Trocaire Strategic Partnership	8,000	8,000
Other Income	1,130	286
	339,281	316,367
Expenditure		
Wages & Salaries	149,295	147,214
Social Welfare Costs	12,817	12,906
Staff Training	-	-
Travel & Subsistence	2,221	586
Rent	30,381	30,381
Insurance	1,873	1,897
Stationery & Computer	15,705	22,883
Phone	2,913	2,612
Printing	15,705	10,699
Postage	664	-
Website	18,254	7,261
Communications	17,088	8,845
Library	399	31
Research	25,198	29,008
Meetings/Hospitality	-	-
Bank Charges	821	704
Equipment	65	2,246
Conferences	-	500
Auditor & Legal	8,102	6,421
Fundraising Consultancy	-	-
MA Scholarships & Training	11,309	26,866
Sundry expenses	716	4,485
Surplus/Deficit	20,383	486
Current Assets	2022	2021
	288,805	268,422

*Full audited accounts may be viewed on our website www.socialjustice.ie

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021

held via Zoom, Dublin,
on Tuesday November 30, 2021 @ 5.05pm

Present: Justin Kilcullen (Chairperson), Seán Ward, Seán Healy (CEO), Colette Bennett, Sara Bourke, Finbarr Tracey, Susanne Rogers, Sandra McCullagh, Margaret Hassett (Vice Chair), Michael Tobin, Sheila Curran, Maureen O'Connell, Dave Quinn, Tony Fahey, Malachy Flanagan, Angela Durkin, Michael Howlett, Micheál Collins, Brigid Reynolds.

1. **Opening**

The meeting was chaired by Justin Kilcullen, Chairperson of *Social Justice Ireland*. Justin welcomed the members present to the 12th Annual General Meeting of *Social Justice Ireland*.

2. **Minutes of the 2020 AGM Meeting**

Tony Fahey proposed the adoption of the minutes of the 2020 AGM. This was seconded by Seán Ward.

3. **Adoption of Annual Report**

An electronic copy of the Annual Report was circulated. The Chairperson, Justin Kilcullen introduced the report. He noted with gratitude the volume of work done by members of the Board and the various sub-committees and the support they have provided to staff in this particularly challenging year. Seán Healy presented an outline of the report under the three programmes. Members congratulated the team on the output, and the quality and quantity of the work undertaken in the past year. The team was thanked for their dedication, commitment and professionalism.

4. **Adoption of the Financial Report**

Seán Ward presented the financial report which had been circulated to members in advance of the AGM. He noted that the full audit will be on the website in the coming days. He also outlined that fundraising has been challenging in the period covered due to the impact of COVID-19. The Financial Report was proposed by Sheila Curran and seconded by Dave Quinn.

5. **Re-appointment of Auditors**

It was agreed to re-appoint the Company's Auditors, Walsh O'Brien Harnett Registered Auditors on the proposal of Tony Fahey, seconded by Michael Tobin.

5. **Elections**

Five members were nominated to fill the five vacancies on the Board. The following were returned unopposed; Connor Barry, Pat Healy, Michael Howlett, Brigid Reynolds and Seán Ward.

6. In the absence of any other business the meeting was closed @ 5.35pm.

Social Justice Ireland is an independent think-tank and justice advocacy organisation of individuals and groups throughout Ireland who are committed to working to build a just society where human rights are respected, human dignity is protected, human development is facilitated and the environment is respected and protected.



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