



Annual Report 2023



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Note from the Chairperson

Welcome to the Annual Report of *Social Justice Ireland*. This report covers the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. A major transitional moment for the organisation arrived at the end of this reporting year, that is, in August 2023, with the retirement of Dr Seán Healy and Sr Brigid Reynolds from their posts as CEO and Deputy CEO (respectively). Dr Healy and Sr Reynolds have been the inspirational leaders and drivers of *Social Justice Ireland* since they founded it in 2009. Before that, they had forged the philosophy and working methods that were to underpin *Social Justice Ireland* over their decades of work on social justice issues in Ireland and in Africa.

The departure of the founding pillars of the organisation is a huge loss and has posed a great transition challenge for the Board and staff. However, that transition has been on the horizon for some time, and it is greatly to the credit of Dr Healy and Sr Reynolds, in conjunction with the Board and staff, that they have been as far-seeing and meticulous in planning for their own succession as they have been in every other aspect of SJI's work. The result is that as they depart, they leave behind a small but energetic and capable staff team that, under their guidance, has developed the skills, experience and commitment to social justice that is needed to sustain the organisation into the future. They have also developed a sustainable funding base that can withstand the loss of their services, though adequate funding for the organisation has always been and remains a challenge.

A critical element of the transition was successfully executed with the recruitment of a new CEO, John McGeady, who took up the post at the beginning of September 2023. John comes from a background in social justice advocacy and awareness raising, focused especially on human rights dimensions to the relationship between the EU and Africa. The substance of his work and the values that underpin it have paralleled those of SJI, and the Board is confident that the skills, energy and commitment to social justice that he brings to the post of CEO guarantee a strong future for SJI. The Board is delighted to welcome John to his new role.

Sr Reynolds is also retiring as Company Secretary. Connor Barry, a member of the Board, has been appointed to the role on an unremunerated part-time basis. Connor will take up the role at the 2023 AGM. The Board thanks Connor for his generosity in taking on this role.

This year's annual report shows that SJI has continued to operate at the remarkably high level of quantity and quality of work that has always been its hallmark. The organisation has fully exited from the pressures of the Covid pandemic in the course of the year. It bodes well for its resilience that it weathered the stresses of the pandemic without any loss of energy or effectiveness and that it can face into the coming year's work with a new leadership in place and with confidence and optimism for its future.

Tony Fahey,

Chairperson

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 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 2022-2023

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 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. 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 [‘National Social Monitor – An End to Child Poverty?’](#)
- Published [‘Budget 2023 Analysis and Critique’](#).
- Published [‘Poverty Focus 2022’](#).
- Published [‘Planning for Change – Climate Change and Migration’](#) – a paper from the Migrations in our Common Home Roundtable.
- Published [‘National Social Monitor - Wellbeing’](#).
- Published [‘Towards Wellbeing for All’ Social Policy Conference 2022 book](#).
- 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 2023’](#).
- Researched and published the 2023 edition of the Socio-Economic Review – [‘Social Justice Matters: a 2023 guide to a fairer Irish society’](#).
- Researched and produced the Caritas Europe CARES Report [‘The challenges of long-term care in Europe’](#).
- Organised and collated the PPN Annual Report for 2022 drawing together the responses of Public Participation Networks (PPNs) from Local Authorities across the country.
- Published [‘Migrations in Our Common Home: Forecasting for Change’](#) as part of Roundtable on Migration in our Common Home.
- Published [‘Social Welfare Rates Budget 2024: the case for benchmarking and indexation’](#).
- Published [‘Budget Choices 2024’](#).
- Published [‘Europe from Pandemic to Polycrisis’](#) – our annual European Research Series report.
- Published [‘Tracking Distributive Effects of Budget Policy – 2023 edition’](#).
- 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 Public Consultation on Digital Public Services.
- Made submission to the mid-term review of the Roadmap for Social Inclusion.
- Made a submission Mazars Report on the Structural Review of the Public Participation Network.

- Made a written submission to the European Commission on Ireland’s Recovery and Resilience Plan and the European Semester.
- Made a submission to the Central Bank of Ireland on the review of the Consumer Protection code.
- Made a submission to the Department of Social Protection on the Development of a new Pay-Related Benefit for Jobseekers.
- Made a submission to the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight on Budget 2023.
- Made a submission to the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight on chapters 6,7,8 and 14 of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare Report.
- Made a submission to the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight on chapters 9,10,11 and 12 of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare Report.
- Made a submission to the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight on Budget 2024 and Summer Economic Statement.
- Made a submission to the Joint Committee on Environment and Climate on Energy Poverty.
- Made submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Europe

- Published [‘Europe from Pandemic to Polycrisis: A review of the social situation in Europe’](#) – our annual European Research Series report.
- Invited to meet the DG Employment and Social Affairs fact-finding mission team to discuss social, employment and energy issues as part of their country visit.
- Attended the European Commission Representation in Ireland State of the European Union seminar.
- Invited to meet European Commission representatives from DG ECFIN to discuss the European Semester and the Recovery and Resilience Fund and Ireland’s progress.
- Made a written submission to the European Commission on Ireland’s Recovery and Resilience Plan and the European Semester.
- Continued our engagement with the ‘Better Europe Alliance.’
- Invited to take part in the annual IE Economists visit to Brussels organised by the European Commission Representation/European Semester Officers in Ireland. Continued our engagement with the European Commission Semester Office, Better Europe Alliance and Members of the European Parliament.
- Invited to present at a Plenary session of the European Economic and Social Committee on the future of the European Union.
- Continued our work and engagement with Caritas Europa.
- Researched and produced the Caritas Europe CARES Report [‘The challenges of long-term care in Europe’](#).

Better Europe Alliance

- Continued our engagement with the Better Europe Alliance which is focused on the European Semester.

Caritas Europa

- Continued our engagement with Caritas Europa.
- Researched and produced the 2023 Caritas CARES report [‘The challenges of long-term care in Europe’](#).

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- To celebrate UN Day for Social Justice we organised a webinar attended by 66 people to launch [‘Measuring Progress: Sustainable Progress Index 2023’](#). This Index shows how Ireland is doing vis-à-vis the EU-14 on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Feedback was very positive, both from attendees and from speakers.
- 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.

Michelle Murphy was a member of the NESC Working Group on Agriculture and Climate Action which produced a report [Just Transition in Agriculture and Land Use \(Council Report No.162\)](#) in July 2023.

Meetings with Government, Officials, Politicians & Advisers

- Met with Minister for Finance and Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on Budget 2023 as part of CV Pillar bilateral meeting.
- Held a seminar on Budget 2023 and Social Inclusion for Councillors.
- Met with Councillor Grace Costello on Social Housing and retrofitting.
- Met Violet Anne Wynne TD re legislation on socio-economic disadvantage.
- Presented on the Budgetary implications of introducing the Wealth Tax proposed in the Oxfam Report to a cross-party group in the AV Room in Leinster House.
- Held the Oireachtas launch of Social Justice Matters 2023 in the AV Room in Leinster House which was attended by 25 representatives from across Leinster House.
- Attended at a meeting of the Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action to discuss energy poverty.
- Attended three meetings of the Advisory Group on a ‘Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy’.
- Attended two meetings of the ‘Our Rural Future’ Implementation Advisory Group.
- Attended the National Economic Dialogue in Dublin Castle.
- Attended the Social Inclusion Forum.
- Attended the Energy Summit on realising the opportunities of energy independence for Ireland organised by An Taoiseach, Tánaiste and Minister Ryan.
- Attended the Department of Social Protection pre-budget forum.
- Attended the Department of Finance conference on ‘Future-proofing the Public Finances’.

- Attended the United Nations High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as part of a Coalition 2030 delegation. The delegation met with Minister Ryan and officials from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications before the Minister presented Ireland's second Voluntary National Review and attended a morning reception with other civil society representatives held by the Irish Permanent Ambassador to the United Nations.
- Invited to attend the Energy Poverty Action Plan Stakeholder event by the Department of Social Protection.

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.
- Represented the CV Pillar on the Our Rural Future Implementation Advisory Group.
- Participated in the CV Pillar annual think-in.
- Attended a meeting of the Department of Social Protection Technical Advisory Group.
- Met with civil servants in the Social Dialogue unit in the Department of An Taoiseach as part of the CV Pillar meeting on 'Social Dialogue'.
- 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

- Continued our work on promoting Basic Income.
- Responded to the launch of the Basic Income for the Arts Pilot Scheme.
- Continued to urge Government to deliver on its commitments to pilot a universal basic income, listed in the Programme for Government.
- Communicated with the Chairperson of the Commission on Taxation and Social Welfare concerning the incorrect data on Basic Income included in the Commission's Final Report and presented same to the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight.
- Attended a webinar on the Basic Income for Artists pilot programme.

Social Policy Conference 2022

- The theme of the Conference was 'Towards Wellbeing for All'. The conference was held online on Wednesday, 22 November.

- There was a panel of 10 speakers, three international speakers and seven national speakers to discuss different aspects of Wellbeing Frameworks and what they mean for Ireland.
- The papers and videos are available on the website and the individual presentations have been uploaded as podcasts.
- There was significant engagement from attendees in all sessions.
- Feedback was very positive, both from attendees and from speakers.
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- We published the papers as a book entitled ‘Towards Wellbeing for All’ on the day of the conference.

Budget 2023 and Budget 2024

- Budget 2023:
 - 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 2023 published on the day following the Budget.
 - Held an in-person post-budget seminar which was also livestreamed through our website to launch this publication the day after Budget 2023 was announced.
- Budget 2024:
 - Published a Policy Briefing Budget Choices 2024 which included fully costed Budget proposals.
 - Held a webinar which was live-streamed through our website to launch Budget Choices 2024.
 - Made a submission on Budget 2024 priorities to the Joint Committee on Budgetary Oversight.
 - Attended the Pre-Budget forum hosted by the Minister for Social Protection, Ms. Heather Humphreys TD.

Social Justice Matters 2023

- ‘Social Justice Matters: 2023 guide to a fairer Irish society’ our annual socio-economic review was launched with a webinar on 8th May which was attended by 74 people.
- The papers and videos are available on the website and some of the individual presentations have been uploaded as podcasts.
- An Oireachtas Launch was held in the AV Room in Leinster House on the 16 May. Twenty-five members of the Oireachtas were represented, with very good engagement and discussion on the review.

Empowerment

a) Workshops/Conferences/Seminars

Social Justice Ireland facilitated and/or provided input to **15** 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:

- Presented on the Linear Economy and consumption at the 2022 Conference on Intergenerational Climate Justice.
- Presented on housing to the Aontú Ard Fheis
- Invited to speak at the opening of Dublin Regional Session of the European Youth Parliament Ireland
- Presented on food poverty to Aster Family Resource Centre event to mark UN International day for the eradication of poverty
- Presented to the Labour Disability Group on Housing and Disability.
- Presented at an ALONE/LDA all-day workshop on housing for older-people.
- Provided a guest lecture to the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin.
- Held a seminar on Budget 2023 for adult learners on the Equal Ireland, a not for profit charitable trust engaged in higher education for mature students.
- Presented to the UCC Planning Society Annual Seminar on Migration and Planning.
- Provided a tutorial on Older People and Housing on the DCU Certificate in Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention.
- Provided a lecture to Social Studies students in Trinity College Dublin.
- Gave a presentation to final year class of Trinity College students on the subject of Food waste and Food poverty.
- Provided a lecture to DCU Certificate on Homelessness students on Social Justice and the welfare right of those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- Presented on a panel at the launch of Coalition 2030's report "Furthest Behind First, or Falling Behind Further? The human stories that challenge Ireland's claims to be leaving no one behind'.
- Presented at the NESC conference on Exploring Just Transition in Agriculture and Land Use.

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.
- Designed and delivered bespoke training to individual PPNS.
- Continued to enrol and support participants on the Online Training modules.
- Attended the PPN Annual Conference.
- Engaged further with the Department of Rural and Community Development on supports for the Visions for Community Wellbeing project.
- Engaged with Sligo SPC on a series of papers we are authoring supporting their policy work.
- Commenced work on the PPN Annual Report 2022 for the Department of Rural and Community Development.

c) MA in Social Justice & Public Policy

- 12 participants successfully completed the 2020-2022 programme 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 SETU to monitor progress on the programme and took part in a Programme Board meeting.
 - Recruitment for the next two-year cycle 2022-2024 was postponed in September 2022 agreement with SETC due to rising cost of living and the substantial pressure it was placing on programme applications. The programme will restart its two-year cycle in October 2023.
- d) Trócaire**
- We implemented the agreed programme of work for Trócaire 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.
 - Continued to work 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.
- g) Seminar: Adam Smith at 300: Insights on the 21st Century Economy from the Father of Economics**
- Held a seminar on 21 June in the Royal Irish Academy on Adam Smith, his impact, legacy and what we still have to learn. The event was chaired by Seán Healy and speakers were Professor Charles Clark, Dr Sarah Otten and Heikki Hiilamo. Thirty-five people attended and there was a very engaged and lively interaction with the discussion.

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**
- 'National Social Monitor – An End to Child Poverty?'
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Conference and webinars

- We live-streamed our response to Budget 2023 and the launch of Budget Choices 2024. We held our 2022 annual Social Policy Conference online. We also held webinars to launch 'Measuring Progress: Sustainable Progress Index 2023', and 'Social Justice Matters 2023'.

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 **28** 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 180 times in the period of this annual report.
 - **10 TV** interviews broadcast on news and current affairs programmes.
 - The *Social Justice Ireland* YouTube channel hosts our online content including social policy conference, webinar, PPN and MA in Social Justice and Public Policy.
 - 64 interviews on **National Radio** news and current affairs programmes.
 - 106 interviews on **Local Radio** current affairs programmes.
 - Over 90 stories in the **National** press including 8 editorials and 6 op-ed articles across all broadsheet title, one regional newspapers group and two tabloid titles.
 - 126 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 32,000+ up from 30,947 (+3%) in the past year

g) Podcast

- We released 32 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	Seán Ward
Sara Bourke	Pat Healy
Michael Howlett	Justin Kilcullen
Maureen O’Sullivan	Sandra McCullagh
Finbarr Tracey	Michael Tobin
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	Research and Policy Intern

Retiring members of the Board

- Sara Bourke
- Angela Durkin
- Tony Fahey
- Maureen O’Sullivan
- Michael Tobin

The following have been nominated for election to the Board

- Sara Bourke
- Tony Fahey
- Michael Tobin
- Sheila Curran

Financial Statement*

Income	2023 (€)	2022 (€)
Membership	14,892	16,311
Donations	13,800	9,025
Grants	18,000	18,000
SMA Grant	20,000	20,250
Pobal SSNO Grant	95,700	86,500
Teaching & Consultancy	38,415	38,770
Department of Rural and Community Development	73,476	73,476
Research	165,100	67,819
Trócaire Strategic Partnership	8,000	8,000
Sundry Income	-	1,130
	447,383	339,281
Expenditure		
Wages & Salaries	180,472	149,295
Employer's NI/PRSI Costs	16,223	12,817
Staff Training	-	-
Rent	30,627	30,381
Insurance	1,637	1,873
Stationery & Computer	14,760	18,712
Printing	18,800	15,705
Postage	3,542	664
Library	-	399
Communications	19,180	17,088
Travel & Subsistence	7,984	2,221
Meetings/Hospitality	7,153	1,165
Other staff costs	-	1,200
Board expenses	1,748	-
Subscriptions	839	-
MA Scholarships & Training	-	11,309
Accountancy Fees	19,065	-
Auditor & Legal	8,579	8,102
Bank Charges	4,612	821
Research	39,573	25,198
Waste	280	-
Website	-	18,254
Equipment	-	65
Conferences	-	-
Phone	2,821	2,913
Sundry expenses	-	716
	(377,895)	(318,898)
Surplus/Deficit	69,488	20,383
Net Current Assets	358,293	288,805

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

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

held via Zoom, Dublin,
on Tuesday, 20 December 2022 @ 4pm

Present: Tony Fahey (Chairperson), Seán Ward, Seán Healy (CEO), Sandra McCullagh, Margaret Hassett (Vice Chair), Susanne Rogers, Brigid Reynolds, Ruth Smith (Tipperary PPN), Francesca Pawelczyk, Sibéal Devilly, Seán Ward, Colette Bennett, Michael Tobin, Michelle Murphy, Michael Howlett, Justin Kilcullen.

1. **Opening**

The meeting was chaired by Tony Fahey, Chairperson of Social Justice Ireland. Tony welcomed the members present to the 13th Annual General Meeting of Social Justice Ireland. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the board to outgoing chair Justin Kilcullen for the wisdom and experience he brought to the role.

2. **Minutes of the 2021 AGM Meeting**

Seán Ward proposed the adoption of the minutes of the 2021 AGM. This was seconded by Michael Tobin.

3. **Adoption of Annual Report**

An electronic copy of the Annual Report was circulated. The Chairperson, Tony Fahey introduced the report. He complimented the breadth of work undertaken by the team over the year. Seán Healy (CEO) presented an outline of the report under the three programmes. 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. The Financial Report was proposed by Tony Fahey and seconded by Colette Bennett.

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 Seán Ward, seconded by Tony Fahey.

5. **Elections**

Five members were nominated to fill the five vacancies on the Board. The following were returned unopposed; Joe Egan, Margaret Hassett, Justin Kilcullen, Sandra McCullagh, Finbarr Tracey.

6. In the absence of any other business the meeting was closed @ 4.35pm.

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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