

GET ON BOARD >>>

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Need your comments: I have been asked to present Get On Board to the Department of Employment & Learning Committee at Stormont later this month. The committee is keen to hear the challenges the appointments process presents candidates and for those appointed to what extent the programme has impacted on their ability to perform as an effective board member. I would appreciate it if you could email me by Tuesday 09th February with any comments that you would be happy for me to include in my conversations with the committee. As ever if you would like to discuss I am always happy for a phone call.

Common Purpose.

Common Purpose is currently recruiting for its Meridian leadership programme. The programme brings together a diverse group of leaders from the private, public and voluntary/community sectors from across Northern Ireland. They learn how to improve their capacity to lead, effect change, and expand their networks. On Meridian, participants investigate real-life challenges in the area, visit small businesses, multinational corporations, and prisons. They share leadership experiences and challenges with leaders who carry real life responsibilities in a variety of fields and contexts. Participants select from a range of elements to fit their areas of interest, context and sector, and schedule. Some bursaries are available. The course runs from March – August 2010 and further information can be obtained by contacting claudine.sutherland@commonpurpose.org.uk

FAS – the beleaguered jobs creation agency.

Ireland's Comptroller and Auditor General – John Buckley has published his report into the agency. The report highlights the governance failings which have provided interesting reading. The findings provides a timely reminder of 'what not to do' when charged with the stewardship of public funds.

Bigger bonuses given regardless of regulations allowed

Information was not given to the FAS board

Payments made in the absence of supporting documentation

No policies governing the use of credit cards

The full report can be downloaded from: <http://www.audgen.gov.ie>



Current appointments:

Organisation	Appointment Type	Contact	Closing Date
Warrenpoint Harbour Authority	Public	Rosie.mcallister@drdni.gov.uk	12 February 2010
	Paid	Tel: 028 9054 0686	
Sustainable Development Commission	Public	www.penna.com/recruitment	15 February 2010
	Paid	Tel: 020 7334 8068	
TATE	Public	Trustee.appointments@tate.org.uk	08 February 2010
	Unpaid	Tel: 020 7887 8011	
Strategic Investment Board	Public	ppiu@ofmdfmi.gov.uk	19 February 2010
	Paid	Tel: 028 9052 2954	
Ulster Supported Employment Ltd	Public	pau@delni.gov.uk	26 February 2010
	Paid	Tel; 028 9025 7624	
Safefood	Public	www.safefood.eu	26 February 2010
	Unpaid	SAC@safefood.eu	
Northern Ireland Civil Service	Independent Board Members	nonexecutive@wig.co.uk	12 February 2010
	Paid	020 7222 1166	
Centre for Health and Well Being – West Belfast	Voluntary	Klavery01@qub.ac.uk	12 March 2010
	Unpaid	Tel: 028 9022 3220	

Who's Got On-Board? Congratulations and keep me posted

Michelle McFadden	Ballymena Area Children's Contact Service
Elaine Thompson	Fermanagh District Policing Partnership
Ciara O'Hanlon	BBC Appeals Advisory Committee for Children in Need