

## **FirstLight Council 2018/2019**

### **Oliver Blackwell - Chair**

Oliver joined the Board of FirstLight in 2013 serving as secretary until recently and becoming Chair in April 2019. He qualified with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (BE) in 1998 from UCC and also holds a Master of Business Studies (MBS) from CIT.

He has worked in various technical, project, managerial and director level roles in the telecoms and IT sector. With work, he has travelled extensively to many developing countries including Somalia, Sierra Leone, Congo, Sri Lanka and Iraq. He has also rolled out mobile phone networks in Paraguay and the Federated States of Micronesia, and has been involved in the testing and development of innovative and cutting edge VoIP telephony solutions.

In his spare time, Oliver enjoys music and hill-walking and participates on the Board of Management as Treasurer of Togher Boys National School in Cork. Oliver joined the Board of FirstLight in 2013.

### **Ciara Regan: Secretary**

Ciara is a partner in Deloitte Ireland's Actuarial, Reward & Analytics practice.

She leads the life and pensions sector propositions and has more than 20 years of experience across the direct, reinsurance and consulting sectors. She provides advisory support to numerous clients within the Irish market. Such advisory support has included support on regulatory changes such as Solvency II (including capital optimisation) and more recently PRIIPs, along with considering the operational changes required as a consequence of such regulation. It has also included AFH independent peer reviews; market consistent embedded value and IFRS reserve reviews; stochastic models; Section 13 transfers of business; target operating model reviews; and risk governance appropriateness from appetite through to framework and culture embedding. Deloitte's actuarial practice is one of the largest in the Irish market with c.25 people with skills across life, non-life and pensions.

### **Deirdre Magliozzi - Treasurer**

Deirdre is a Registered General Nurse and currently works in St James's Hospital Dublin. She trained in St James's hospital in 1993. Following general medical and surgical experience, Deirdre completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Oncological Nursing, and has experience in an acute Oncology inpatient area as a Clinical Nurse Manager.

In 2002 Deirdre moved into the area of clinical trials and worked as an Oncology Research Nurse until the birth of her third child. She spent the next few years at home with the family. She returned to work in 2012 and currently works in the National Coagulation Centre in St James's Hospital.

Following the sudden death of her daughter Clodagh in 2013, Deirdre and her family found support from FirstLight. In 2015, Deirdre joined the Board of FirstLight. She is a member of the Finance Committee and serves as Treasurer. Deirdre lives in County Dublin with her husband and three children. When not working or ferrying the family around, Deirdre enjoys walking and reading.

### **Adrian O' Grady**

Adrian is a Station Officer with Dublin Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service. He has 23 years of experience working as a Firefighter, Paramedic and Officer.

Adrian is a qualified Psychotherapist and has been the Director of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team in Dublin Fire Brigade since 2006, providing crisis intervention, individual and group support, and counselling to members of the Brigade and the public. He holds an MSc in Bereavement Studies and has trained as a Complicated Grief Therapist with the Irish Hospice Foundation. He is a tutor in Paramedic Studies and in Individual and Group Crisis Intervention (Defusing and Debriefing) with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICIFS), and has provided psychological support in the aftermath of the most tragic incidents across the country.

Adrian is a Steering Committee member of Critical Incident Stress Management Network Ireland, and is an Eye Movement De-Sensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapist, a recognised therapy for complex trauma. He is currently stationed in Tallaght Fire Station.

Adrian joined the Board of FirstLight in 2018.

## **David Burke**

David is a Senior Partner at Korn Ferry, a world leading Advisory and Human Capital organisation. Korn Ferry is the largest provider of Executive Search services globally.

David has extensive experience in advising clients recruiting senior executives into Life Sciences, Professional Services, Industrial and Consumer organisations. He has partnered with both public and private equity backed companies locally and internationally on C-level, EVP, SVP and Director level assignments, bringing exceptional talent to his clients.

Prior to joining Korn Ferry, David worked for over 7 years as Managing Partner at Accreate, a boutique Search firm which, under his stewardship, doubled in size every 2 years. His earlier career saw him lead and manage a division of a global Recruitment Consultancy firm for 9 years.

David previously held senior management roles at Apple Computer in Ireland and Johnson & Johnson in Australia. He is currently based in Dublin. Coupled with his professional career, David owns and runs a Dairy farm in Cork.

David is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin having attained a B.Sc. (Honours) in Management Sciences. He holds a Diploma in Marketing from the Dublin Institute of Technology as well as a Certificate in Agriculture.

He joined the Board of FirstLight in 2017 and is a member of the Fundraising Committee.

## **Charles O'Brien**

Charles was born in Cork and moved to Dublin in 1979. He worked in radio production, media and sales before setting up a nightclub/tourism business in The Synod Hall, Christchurch.

Charles joined the management team of Mosney Holiday Centre as part of its rebrand in 1988.

As Marketing and Development Manager, he oversaw the financial turnaround and customer development of the popular County Meath family resort until its emergence in 2000 as a direct provision centre.

Charles has also worked with the Arts/Circus community to successfully lobby the government to amend the 2003 Arts Bill to recognise circus as a pillar art form, and has provided marketing and PR services to the Irish National Circus, Fossett's, since 2004.

Charles moved to Portugal in 2003 and spent 3 years working in tourism projects on the Algarve. He continues to work with a number of Portuguese based leisure venues while based in Dublin.

He joined the Board of FirstLight in 2017 and is the Chair of the Fundraising Committee.