



*"Western Care Association exists to empower people with a wide range of learning and associated disabilities in County Mayo to live full and satisfied lives as equal citizens."*  
 .... *Mission Statement*

## THE BEST GIFT IS YOU!

# WESTERN CARE ASSOCIATION ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

Western Care Association provides supports and services to children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Co. Mayo. Established in 1996 Western Care is a registered Charity that operates across Co Mayo employing nearly 1,000 staff.

The Board comprises of people who are passionate about quality in disability services and want to support Western Care to make a difference to peoples lives.

We are looking for passionate and dedicated people to join the Board of Directors. Being a member of the Board of Directors of WCA is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about strengthening leadership and governance in the not-for-profit sector.

<p>ROLE BRIEF</p>	<p>We are keen to have people from a broad range of experiences with an interest in community and supporting Western Care Association to continue to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and autism, along with experience in one or more of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governance</li> <li>○ Policy, Strategy and innovation</li> <li>○ Marketing, communications, social media and arts</li> <li>○ Strategy and innovation</li> <li>○ Legislation and legal background</li> <li>○ Risk appraisal and risk management</li> <li>○ Human Resources</li> <li>○ Finance</li> </ul> <p>We value diversity and welcome applications from interested people from all sections of the community who are skilled and motivated to support the delivery of the mission of the Association.</p>
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<p>ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE, SKILLS AND PERSONAL QUALITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to the vision and values of Western Care Association</li> <li>• Experience of strategic planning and service development</li> <li>• Strong experience in any of the above areas at leadership level</li> <li>• An enquiring mind, with the confidence to challenge constructively</li> <li>• Understanding of the community and voluntary landscape</li> <li>• Recognition of the importance of supporting collective decisions</li> <li>• Strong communication and listening skills</li> <li>• Strong interpersonal skills</li> <li>• Able to manage a wide variety of situations in a meeting and ensure that the outcomes are in the best interest of the Association.</li> </ul>
<p>FURTHER INFORMATION</p>	<p>As a registered charity, our Board members do not receive a payment for their services or accept gifts in the capacity of board member. All Directors are asked to become members of the Association.</p> <p>Further information on Western Care Association can be found on <a href="http://www.westerncare.com">www.westerncare.com</a></p> <p>Queries can be directed to <a href="mailto:info@westerncare.com">info@westerncare.com</a></p>
<p>APPLICATION</p>	<p>To apply, please send your CV and a brief cover letter outlining your suitability and motivation for applying to the <a href="mailto:pbrennan@westerncare.com">pbrennan@westerncare.com</a> – please state ‘Western Care Association Board Vacancy’ in the subject line of your email.</p>
<p>OTHER INFORMATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Terms last for three years and Board Members can serve for up to three consecutive terms.</li> <li>• Board members are expected to be ambassadors for Western Care and promote its work in the Community.</li> <li>• The Board of Directors meet monthly, Members are expected to read board materials in advance of these meetings and to come prepared to ask questions, and participate in discussion and decision making.</li> </ul>