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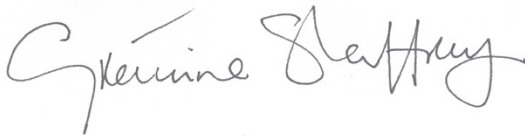
Dear Gaia

Nomination of Deirdre McDermott to stand for election as AdCom Officer

ICOMOS Ireland Board wish to nominate Deirdre McDermott for election as AdCom Officer in the forthcoming elections this year.

Deirdre has made a significant contribution to ICOMOS as AdCom VP and officer and we support her nomination to continue in this role for a further period. We believe her continued involvement would be of great benefit to the membership and the organisation.

Yours sincerely



Grainne Shaffrey

President
ICOMOS Ireland

Short biography

Deirdre McDermott is an architect, planner and urbanist working in private practice and is a member and former president of ICOMOS Ireland. She has campaigned for and since its establishment in 2015, has served as one of the six elected ACOs driving the work of ADCOM, initially as VP and subsequently as ACO.

During that time, together with Bureau members, she has led the establishment of the *Review and Facilitation Committee*, (RFC) working closely with the Secretariat on the health of NCs and encouraging the activities of ADCOM; has written the ToR for and is driving the *Sustainability and Communications Task Force (SCTF)*; has established the *Assisting Adcom Volunteer (AAV)* programme and is currently the ACO focal point for the *Scientific Symposium21 on Living Heritage and Climate Change*.

MUBC (UCD 2011)

RIAI Conservation Accreditation, Grade III (2003)

Dip Arch, MA Urb Des (Oxford Brookes 1987) DipTP (UCD 1978)

Deirdre is a registered architect, a qualified planner and urban designer and principal in Deirdre McDermott and Associates. Currently based in Co Galway, Ireland, she has worked principally in Ireland, the UK, Africa and France. She has worked extensively in area based regeneration, urban design and conservation in Ireland, France and the UK and recent work includes a series of collaborative projects in small towns and villages and restoration and conversion projects on traditional buildings in France, designed to reintroduce sympathetic economic activity in small villages on the mediterranean fringe, as well as a range of conservation projects in Ireland. She has worked with a number of major private and public clients on regeneration and mixed use development projects where the focus has been on integrating new development into existing towns and cities. The practice completed the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage for the North Georgian City of Dublin.

She completed a Diploma in Architecture and a Masters in Urban Design with a double distinction in Oxford, undertook the RIAI Conservation Accreditation Grade III and in 2011 completed the MUBC in UCD.

Deirdre served for six years as a member of the Historic Buildings Council, an advisory body to the Environmental Heritage Service in Northern Ireland, reviewing their First and Second (Listed Buildings) Survey.

She was a co-opted member to an advisory body established by the Irish government to develop policy on architecture and on the architectural heritage in State Care (Action on Architecture 2002 – 2005) which preceded and recommended the establishment of the conservation accreditation system within the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland. She was President of the Irish national Committee of ICOMOS for six years, Founder member and secretary of the Irish National Committee of the Blue Shield, vice President, then elected officer of ICOMOS Advisory Committee and is currently ICOMOS Ireland representative to the government's Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage Stakeholders Group. She is currently on the Board of the Heritage Council and a member of:

- ICOMOS Advisory Committee (elected)
- ICOMOS WGs on OCD | RBA, SDG and CCCH
- ICOMOS Ireland World Heritage Working group.
- ICOMOS Ireland NSCs on Energy and Sustainability, Vernacular Heritage and Small Towns and Villages (Baile)
- ICOMOS ICORP (International Committee on Risk Preparedness)
- ICOMOS CIAV (International Committee on Vernacular Architecture)
- ICOMOS Ireland representative to the government's Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage Stakeholders Group
- Building Limes Forum of Ireland
- Irish Georgian Society (IGS)

Career Profile

2002 -	Principal, Deirdre McDermott & Ass.
2014 - 2015	Conservation Manager (temp), IGS
2000 - 2002	Associate Director, Urban Initiatives
1994 - 2000	Associate, Brady Shipman Martin
1985 - 1994	Partner, Peridot Oxford
1984 - 1987	Partner, Peridot Botswana
1981-84	Planner, / RIBA Special Entry Student Architect Tswana Design, Botswana
1978-81	Planner, Department Town Regional Planning, Botswana
1977-78	Planner, Fergal McCabe Architects, Dublin
1975/05-08	Student Planner, Tipperary CoCo(NR)

Awards

1985	RIBA / Construction Industry Student Award
1986	William Goshawk Prize for Architecture
1989	Times / Civic Trust Award for Red Barn, Oxford, Conversion
2009	Granuaile Trust Bursary

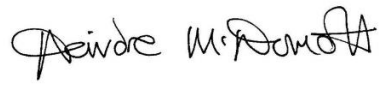
Selected Conservation Related Plans:

- Park West/ Gallanstown Waterworks Conservation Report
- Caledon Integrated Development Plan
- *Renaissance*: Canal Regeneration Strategy for the West Midlands
- Anna Liffey (Shackleton's) Mill Conservation Report
- Wicklow Building Facades Pilot Project
- Burren Monuments Strategy
- Cleggan Village Renewal Strategy, Co. Galway
- Boyne Valley Integrated Plan (with BSM)
- Johnstown Old Church Conservation Strategy

Selected Conservation Related Plans and Projects:

- Restoration and conversion, 18th century racing stable, Askrigg, Yorkshire
- Restoration, 6-8 coastguard station, Co. Galway and hotlimes demonstration training workshop
- Restoration and conversion, Red Barn, Oxford
- Restoration and conversion, miscellaneous, Paye d'Oc, France
- Restoration of Osgur Wilde's family's hunting lodge in Connemara
- Restoration, future proofing and extension of early 18th century 'planter' house in Co. Offaly
- Gort: Conservation of Small Towns- investigating heritage-based regeneration
- Conservation of important and rare 18th century painted glass window in Co. Meath
- Creation of columbarium within National Monument at Newcastle

I hereby confirm that as I am not a serving president in my ACO or any ISC, I am not eligible to serve as either president or VP. I therefore confirm my willingness to serve as ACO if elected.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deirdre McDermott". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Deirdre McDermott

ACO and ICOMOS Ireland

Rossadillisk, 12 July 2021

Electoral Platform

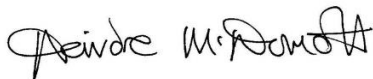
As elected AdCom Officer, working with my fellow elected officers, and colleagues in the OCD | RBA, SDG and Climate Change working groups, I have developed a keen understanding of the organisation and its operation, identifying gaps as well as strengths.

My ambition is to use the final term of my eligibility as ACO, to progress the work of the *SCTF* and under the three strands of *Sustainability, Communications and Memory* to review the way we do our work, and help deliver an organisation which has transitioned to a more inclusive and sustainable format. Aiming to fully acknowledge the way the organisation has responded to COVID19, by transitioning to an online format, this will identify and build on the positive outcomes this has revealed, including enabling an increase in the involvement of underrepresented regions such as Africa and the Arab region, without losing the enormous stimulus and energy of face-to-face meetings;

Part of this work is to identify the most accessible way of filing and retrieving ongoing and archival material, ensuring that the work of colleagues, both current and former is accessible and secured as a building block enhancing the succession of the organisation.

One of the challenges for the organisation has been resourcing our work. AdCom has undertaken an expanded programme of work facilitated by the establishment of the AAVs whose generosity has resourced this effort while capturing the contributions of the wider membership.

I would like to ensure the above are embedded in our operations as legacy outcomes.



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