**Tusla Child and Family Agency Research Ethics Committee**

**Expression of Interest Application Form – External Members**

**Eligibility Criteria / qualifications and / or experience**

**Tusla’s Board** i**nvites those interested and eligible to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to join the Tusla Child and Family Agency Research Ethics Committee.**

**Please read the Tusla Child and Family Agency Research Ethics Committee Standard Operating Procedure and review Tusla REC webpages prior to completing this EOI application form.** [**https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/REC\_SOP\_Version\_2\_May\_2022.pdf**](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/REC_SOP_Version_2_May_2022.pdf)

[**https://www.tusla.ie/research/tusla-research-office/research-ethics-committee**](https://www.tusla.ie/research/tusla-research-office/research-ethics-committee)

**Please complete this application in full and include a short supporting statement. The supporting statement can be in narrative or bullet points.**

The REC is seeking the following categories of **external members (note this is not an exhaustive list):**

* Primary Care representative from a primary care setting
* Mental Health Service representative
* Research Academic representative
* Child Advocacy representative
* Family advocacy representative
* Professionals Working with Children who have received Tusla Services
* Professionals Working with organisations that support minority groups in society/focus on equality, diversity and inclusion
* Professionals working in Disability Services
* Professionals working in other public bodies e.g., An Garda Siochana

External REC members are required to have experience of applying for ethical approval for academic or other research requirements.

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| **PERSONAL DETAILS** |
| **Forename:**  |  | **Surname:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Mobile number:** |  |

**Statement to support your application for the role of Tusla member of Tusla’s Research Ethics Committee (500 words).**

Please detail why you want to become a member and include any specific contribution that you would make to the Research Ethics Committee. Specific contribution may relate to your professional background and/knowledge and experience that relates to Tusla’s service areas.

Demonstrate your knowledge of research ethics principles and best practice and indicate your experience if any in the area of research ethics and making applications for research ethics approval.

Please add any other information that is relevant to the role.

**Please enter your supporting statement in no more than 500 words below:**

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| Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Please provide names of 2 referees i.e. a current and/or previous employer and/or academic referee, state the relationship with the applicant and provide a contact for them:**

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| **2.**  |

**Declaration**

I confirm:

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|  | The information that I have provided on this application has been honestly and accurately expressed to the best of my knowledge and belief. |
|  | I do not know, or am aware of any conflict or potential conflict of interest, which would prevent my participation on the Research Ethics Committee. |

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| Signature: |  |
| Name of applicant: |  | Date: |  |

Please note that all personal data shall be treated as confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). All documents (applications and references will be held by Lynn Hirtes, REC Administrator for the purpose of the selection process. If applicant is not suitable or the membership is not taken up, documents will be deleted (paper and electronically) at the end of the selection process. Successful member details, and those panelled, will be held for the duration of the committee (3 years).

Please submit completed EOI’s to the REC administrator Lynn Hirtes at recadmin@tusla.ie

Informal queries can also be directed to recadmin@tusla.ie

**Please note: The closing date for applications is 09th May no later than 5pm. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**