

GLENCREE CENTRE FOR PEACE & RECONCILIATION

SUPPORT TO
GLENCREE CHAIR OF BOARD
POLICY



Support to the Glencree Board Chair in Her/His Fiduciary Responsibilities

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For Review by Glencree Board February 2024

1. Purpose and scope of the policy

This policy states the intention of the Board to support the existing or incoming Chairs of the Board to have a greater understanding, knowledge and skills to undertake and develop the role.

The fiduciary obligations of Board members require that they take care to inform themselves on every matter on which they are expected to form a judgement or make a decision: it is no defence in law for a Board member to claim ignorance of financial or regulatory matters, for example.

The Board of Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation recognises that the Chair of the Board has a leadership role in carrying out the Board's fiduciary responsibilities.

This policy links with the Glencree policy on Board roles and responsibilities, agreed at the November 2020 Board meeting.

2. Supports to the Chair

Glencree's Board will consider making available to the Board Chair, access to expert advice and support on any topic of importance to the life and work of the organisation.

The Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement and the Charities' Regulator publish excellent briefing materials. There are many public programmes on relevant topics offered by, for example, third-level institutions, the Institute of Directors in Ireland, Charity Institute Ireland, Boardmatch, the Institute of Public Administration, the Law Society and others. One to one expertise or occasional support may also be considered.

3. Responsibility

The Chair must channel a written request for such support through the Vice-Chair, Company Secretary and Board Treasurer for it to be subject to independent decision-making and financial cost controls with particular regard to costs on a 12-month cycle.