

The National Disability Authority has been invited by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government to nominate up to 2 candidates for consideration by the Minister in relation to appointment as Ordinary Members of An Bord Pleanála. This is a full time senior level post, based in Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 for a period of 5 years. The NDA is required to respond to the Department forwarding CVs and letters of consent from the selected nominees no later than the statutory deadline of 26 January 2011. Nomination by the NDA will not necessarily lead to appointment to the Bord.

The NDA therefore invites applications from eligible candidates to be received in our offices at 25 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 **no later than 4pm on Friday 13 January, 2011**. Applications should include:

- Letter indicating why you should be considered for appointment
- CV setting out educational background, career history and information on relevant experience
- Letter of consent to being nominated to the Department should your application be successful

Please note that applications will be considered by the NDA and a shortlist will be selected for interviews to take place in the NDA offices on 18 January 2011 only. You are therefore required to ensure you would be available for interview on that date should your application be shortlisted. Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

If you are interested in applying for consideration please ensure to read all relevant materials including NDA specified requirements for consideration, Part VI of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2010 and the Code of Conduct for Board members, Employees and Certain other Persons, June 2011.

The person or persons selected by the NDA for consideration must be able to demonstrate they understand how planning and design of the built environment can affect the capacity of people with disabilities to live independently and to participate in employment, social and community life as equal citizens. Details of the NDA's work in the areas of disability and universal design matters can be accessed on our websites see www.nda.ie and www.universaldesign.ie.

Information - Candidates Seeking NDA Nomination

The NDA is seeking to identify candidates who meet the following requirements:

- an understanding of the importance of mixed, integrated communities where people with disabilities are an integral part of the mainstream community;
- demonstrate experience, understanding and awareness of the impact of planning and design of the built environment on the ability of persons with disabilities to live independently and participate in Irish society, including employment, social and cultural activities;
- understand and recognise barriers in relation to people with disabilities, older persons and others in accessing the built environment, in terms of the wider environment, buildings, facilities and services available within an area and how the area is connected to other places.
- demonstrate ability and experience relevant to effective evaluation of planning applications which would include ability to assemble facts, outline a course of action having weighed up the pros and cons, apply good judgement having evaluated degree of risk and being able to make a decision where there are conflicting issues.
- relevant experience demonstrating ability to operate in line with public service ethos of integrity, impartiality and ability to serve the public interest while giving due consideration to all legitimate viewpoints and interests.

- demonstrate experience and competencies in strategic thinking and leadership: critical analysis and decision making; results orientation, building relationships; communication and personal effectiveness; and team working.
- experience of working under pressure to deliver results in a challenging environment
- experience of operating at senior management level or equivalent.

Also desirable:

A knowledge of how a Board works with previous experience of Board membership

Previous experience in reading building plans/ maps and other technical drawings

A knowledge of health and safety issues around buildings

Previous experience in a decision making and appeals environment