



## BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES – MDI ELECTION 2022

*Nominee in alphabetical order by surname*

Nominee biographical details	
<b>Patrick Cassidy</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Dr Una McCourt
<b>Current position / job title</b>	Vice President Brico Alliance
<b>Previous position / job title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directorships in Certus, Bank of Scotland Ireland, ESB, Sainsbury Homebase plc, Aer Rianta International, Grafton Group, Dunnes Stores.</li> </ul>
<b>Current membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDI board member</li> <li>• MDI Finance and Audit Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Ranelagh and District Credit Union</li> <li>• IBEC Retail Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Why I want to be on the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland</b>	My son Patrick has MD, and I would like to make the lives of those who have this condition a little easier through a positive contribution via the board.
<b>What I can bring to the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b>	Over 25 years of experience across corporate governance, finance, strategy and leadership, branding and marketing, retail operations, logistics and distribution, change management and employee engagement, as well as operational, legal and reputation risk management.
<b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b>	My 25+ years working has allowed me to compile a significant knowledge base across a broad range of disciplines. I would like to share this with the board and organisation.
<b>Other relevant information</b>	



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<b>Eoghan Clifford</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Dr Una McCourt
<b>Current position / job title</b>	Senior Lecturer NUI Galway and Academic Director of CÉIM mentoring programme.
<b>Previous position / job title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry and research environment</li> <li>• Member of NUI Galway Disability Committee</li> <li>• Secretary Galway Bay Cycling Club.</li> </ul>
<b>Current membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDI board member, MDI Research Committee, MDI Finance and Audit Committee</li> <li>• Board of Trustees An Mheitheal Comhshaol</li> <li>• Board of Directors Paralympics Ireland.</li> </ul>
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	N/A
<b>Why I want to be on the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland</b>	I have experience of competing as a cyclist at a national and international stage and believe in promoting and enabling people with muscular dystrophy to be as active as possible. I would also like to bring my previous experience on boards and help develop areas such as research and education. I hope to use my experience in helping MDI to continue to develop services.
<b>What I can bring to the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b>	Professionally, I have experience in generating research funding and managing ethical issues in research, educational activities and project/financial management. As an engineer, I have been very interested in systems that can help improve quality of life for people with muscular dystrophy and want to promote activity and sport among members.
<b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b>	I believe I can work with MDI to help develop closer relationships with universities and increased opportunities for people who have various forms of muscular dystrophy. I am very interested in promoting the role of activity and sport in mitigating symptoms and have a keen interest in ongoing research into muscular dystrophy.
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<b>Gareth Crowe</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Dr Una McCourt
<b>Current position / job title</b>	Trinity Development and Alumni (TDA) Associate Director – Development
<b>Previous position / job title</b>	<p>Make -A-Wish Foundation – Head of Corporate</p> <p>Peter McVerry Trust - Corporate and Major Gift Fundraising Manager (Deputy Head of Fundraising)</p> <p>Gorta - Community Fundraising Manager and Communications</p> <p>Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council – County Councillor</p> <p>Barry Andrews TD – Parliamentary Assistant</p>
<b>Current membership of any boards / committees</b>	MDI board member
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	N/A
<b>Why I want to be on the Board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland</b>	I have a keen interest in helping people and a strong appreciation of the work charities can do and this is something I would like to continue as a board member of MDI.
<b>What I can bring to the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b>	I have been working in the not-for-profit sector both as a consultant, fundraiser and head of department securing significant long term high value corporate partnerships. I have gained extensive experience working at the heart of Irish Government for over six years, as well as first-hand experience working as an elected member of local government. I have extensive experience in strategic planning, research and written proposals, as well as a strategic communication.
<b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b>	I have extensive experience in the charity sector which has resulted in various different organisations being successful in delivering excellent results that impacted the lives of the members and I would like to use this experience to help MDI Ireland deliver its mission.
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<b>Eamon Daly</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Dr Una McCourt
<b>Current position/ job title</b>	Voluntary
<b>Previous position/ job title</b>	Management Accountant, National Lottery Head of Internal Audit / MLRO, Irish Nationwide Building Society Client Accountant, JP Morgan Chase Audit Senior, PricewaterhouseCoopers CI LLP Trainee Accountant, Clifford Locke Delaney.
<b>Current membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-opted MDI board member – 29 November 2021 and acting Treasurer of MDI.</li> <li>• MDI Finance and Audit Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	I have not previously sat on a board but reported to the Audit Committee in a previous role. In addition, I have experience working with senior management teams developing organisational strategy and presenting at board level.
<b>Why I want to be on the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland</b>	While I do not personally have a close family member who suffers with the condition, I am strongly motivated to give back to the community and feel that my skills and experience can be of benefit to the members and the organisation.
<b>What I can bring to the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b>	I am a highly experienced finance professional (20+ years post-qualification experience) and Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland with expertise in both external and internal audit, a variety of industries including banking and lotteries, and both small and 'Big 4' practice exposure. I have been serving as Acting Treasurer of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland since late 2021 and now wish to put myself forward for nomination as board director of MDI.
<b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b>	I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission by overseeing the finance function, contributing to board discussions, keeping up to date on regulatory changes impacting on the not-for-profit sector and helping to guide the strategic direction of the organisation.
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<b>Patrick Flanagan</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Dr Una McCourt
<b>Current position / job title</b>	Employment Programme Coordinator with Independent Living Movement Ireland
<b>Previous position / job title</b>	Fundraising and PR Coordinator, MDI.
<b>Current membership of any boards/ committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-opted MDI board member – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021</li> <li>• Committee member, Boccia Ireland;</li> <li>• Leader Consultative Group. Irish Wheelchair Association;</li> <li>• Vice-Chair, Social Democrats Dublin Bay South Branch.</li> </ul>
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	Committee member, Association of Irish Powerchair Football.
<b>Why I want to be on the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland:</b>	I want to be on the board of MDI so that I can contribute my professional knowledge and experience to help the organisation grow and best serve its members. I also want to ensure that MDI's history and values, shared with the wider disability independent living movement in Ireland, are preserved and upheld.
<b>What I can bring to the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b>	Professionally, I have experience of fundraising and communications which can be used to inform and support the staff team with their planning and work. I also have a wealth of experience as a public/media spokesperson and advocate and am comfortable with preparing and delivering briefing and communications in all formats.
<b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b>	I offer a unique knowledge and perspective of MDI, having been part of the membership, staff and the board. One of my main strengths is communication skills which I believe will be an asset to MDI in improving its engagement with both the membership, and external stakeholders going forward.
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<b>Roisin Glynn</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Aisling Glynn
<b>Current position / job title</b>	<p>Senior Business Manager at AIB</p> <p>I am currently Business Manager to the Managing Director of Homes in AIB, ensuring delivery on strategic projects in the Homes and Consumer business. AIB Homes is responsible for meeting the Homes needs of all our customers across AIB, EBS and Haven brands. The Homes Business comprises the following core functions: sales teams for AIB and EBS, mortgage customer experience (MCX) and enablement, proposition design, strategy, innovation and performance management, tracker review programme, products, change and portfolio management, and first line risk management and assurance.</p>
<b>Previous position / job title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Manager to CMO at AIB</li> <li>• Head of Social Media at AIB</li> <li>• Digital Brand Manager at AIB</li> <li>• Marketing Executive at Davy</li> </ul>
<b>Current membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDI board member</li> </ul>
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	N/A
<b>Why I want to be on the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland</b>	<p>I believe that MDI provides a vitally important service for people with muscular dystrophy and their families. As someone who has a family member living with MD, I see the value and importance of MDI in supporting its member base and promoting independent living through a wide range of services. I believe my professional and personal experience can add value to the board of MDI.</p>



<p><b>What I can bring to the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b></p>	<p>In terms of what I feel I can bring to the board; I have worked in AIB for a number of years in strategic roles. I have extensive experience working in marketing but also have worked closely with HR, finance and our strategy teams, all these things would be beneficial to the MDI board. I also engage regularly with the board in my current job so have experience with the governance structures and complexities of running a business. As well as my professional experience, I am passionate about the work that MDI do, having grown up with my sister who suffers from LGMD and I am keen to contribute in whatever way I can to ensuring the continued success of the organisation.</p>
<p><b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b></p>	<p>I can help MDI to deliver its mission by working with the board of the organization and with the management team to ensure MDI has a clear vision and strategy. I will ensure to live by the values that MDI believes in and dedicate time and energy to the board ensuring I carry out my duties and that the correct governance structures are in place to ensure the organisation is meeting member needs.</p>
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<b>Dr Ashling Holland</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Dr Una McCourt
<b>Current position / job title</b>	Principal Scientist at PepGen Limited
<b>Previous position / job title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Scientist, PepGen Limited (2018-2019)</li> <li>• Post-Doctoral Research Scientist, Oxford University (2017-2018)</li> <li>• Post-Doctoral Research Scientist, NUI Maynooth (2015-2017)</li> </ul>
<b>Current membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDI board member</li> <li>• MDI Research Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Doc committee member, DPAG, University of Oxford, (2017-2018)</li> <li>• Athena SWAN committee member, DPAG, University of Oxford, (2017-2018)</li> <li>• MDEX Consortium member (2017-2018)</li> <li>• Chairperson of the Post-Grad/Post-Doc Committee, Biology Department, NUI Maynooth (2012-2016)</li> <li>• Treasurer Templeogue Basketball Club (2014-2016)</li> <li>• Student Treasurer of Galway Cycle (NUI Maynooth) (2014-2015)</li> <li>• Secretary of Galway Cycle (NUI Maynooth) (2013-2014).</li> </ul>
<b>Why I want to be on the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland</b>	<p>My scientific research over the past 10 years has primarily focused on muscular dystrophy. I was first introduced to MDI during my PhD as they sponsored some of my research endeavors. I presented my research at MDI's 2015 AGM and was inspired by both the MDI team and community. Since then I have continued to work on MD research, both in Ireland and the UK. I would like to contribute to MDI's mission of supporting people with MD. I believe that my international experience could help MDI develop and achieve its research and clinical goals.</p>
<b>What I can bring to the board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b>	<p>I have been working in muscular dystrophy research for the past decade, in both academic and private settings. I believe this, in addition to my experience in project management, successful project delivery, financial planning, goal setting, strategy development and my passion for helping to improve the lives of people with muscular dystrophy will be a benefit to MDI.</p>



<b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b>	I believe I can help MDI achieve its mission of supporting people with muscular dystrophy by working closely with the board and the MDI community. I am a dedicated individual who has experience in identifying and prioritising long-term goals and future planning for organisations.
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<b>Dr Una McCourt</b>	<b>Proposer:</b> Dr Ashling Holland
<b>Current position / job title</b>	Associate Director, OpEx Lead at Bristol Myers Squibb
<b>Previous position / job title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CI Lead Mallinckrodt/Guerbet</li> <li>• LSSMBB Abbott Ireland.</li> </ul>
<b>Current membership of any boards / committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDI board member</li> <li>• MDI Research Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Previous membership of any boards / committees</b>	N/A
<b>Why I want to be on the Board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland</b>	I believe if we could provide a holistic support system we would be able to effect good change to people's lives. I also would like to support the availability of treatments as they are made available.
<b>What I can bring to the Board of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland as a Director</b>	I have strong experience in delivering numerous large scale and small projects throughout my career. I have also been heavily involved in strategy development and optimising the running of departments in a number of companies by implementing effective management systems.
<b>How I can help Muscular Dystrophy Ireland achieve its mission</b>	I believe I can help MDI achieve its mission by providing them with support and guidance on execution of strategy. I am also a scientist working in the pharmaceutical sector and am keen to support the research committee to develop a registry for MDI members which will be enable them to be better serviced etc.
<b>Other relevant information</b>	