



Annual Report 2017



Social Justice Ireland Annual Report

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Note from the Chairperson

Welcome to the Annual Report of *Social Justice Ireland*. This report covers the period from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017.

It has been a very interesting year for *Social Justice Ireland*. The fallout from Brexit, the election of Donald Trump and, domestically, the escalating housing crisis has raised anxiety and insecurity for many people. Ireland is at the centre of a global shift of ideas, values and politics. The rise in populism, fake news and the 'post-truth' society presents *Social Justice Ireland* with many challenges and opportunities. In this climate, facts, analyses, and evidence based research are low in popular demand. However, they are more needed now than ever before and it is imperative that we work to make a space for them. We want to contribute to shaping an Ireland that is based on truth, equality, justice and compassion. Here lie the challenges and the opportunities.

The Board of *Social Justice Ireland* keeps a strong focus on macro-economic and social policy while ensuring our activities are shaped from the perspective of vulnerable people and communities and are in the service of the common good. A key aspect of our agenda is the development and maintenance of a vision that is energising and achievable. The challenge is to identify and respond to the connections between the international, national and local policy frameworks in a manner that supports good practice and positive outcomes for all people and the environment. We focus on tackling the causes of problems, providing evidence based research and offering solutions. In the past year our research and proposals for alternatives in policy development have been greatly sought after, especially by policy makers

The stance taken by *Social Justice Ireland* is developed by the Board in line with our Strategic Plan (2016-2020) and from the perspective of human dignity, human rights, the common good and sustainability. The theme chosen for the year was *A New Social Contract for a New Century*.

During the past year the organisation benefitted from the work and support of:

- The Academic Advisory Council who ensure that standards are maintained in the areas of research, publications and policy stance.
- The Budget Team who research and help to prepare the documentation.
- The Board Audit and Organisation sub-committee who work on sustainability issues e.g., structure, membership, funding and staffing.
- The Communications Sub-Committee which develops, supports and helps to evaluate our communications strategy.

An outline of our mission and activities are given in the following pages. You will see that while we have a broad agenda it springs from a focused vision. Evaluation is part of our ongoing processes where great attention is given to outcomes. You will notice that *Social Justice Ireland* maintains a strong international involvement contributing to Caritas Europa's annual study on the Europe 2020 Strategy and also publishing a study of the socio-economic situation in the 28 EU member states. This work was recognised by the United Nations and an invitation was received to present a paper at a United Nations Expert Working Group in New York on the subject: *Strategies to tackle poverty and create decent employment in the EU*.

Local and regional issues are an important part of our agenda. Four years ago, *Social Justice Ireland* put significant resources into the design and establishment of the Public Participation Networks (PPNs). This commitment has continued in our encouragement, training and support of the PPNs.

Appropriate Board time was given to issues of governance. Our Constitution has been revised and accepted by the Revenue Commissioners to comply with recent changes in company law. We are happy to confirm that *Social Justice Ireland* is compliant with the Governance Code for the Community, Voluntary and Charitable Sector in Ireland. It has also signed the Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising. We have uploaded the documentation as required by the Charities Regulatory Authority before the assigned target date. We have ensured that the Lobbying Register has been updated on a regular basis.

Deep gratitude is due to Board members and the members of the groups listed above who give generously of their time and expertise to enhance the work of *Social Justice Ireland*. They have been a great support to our staff who have put quality time into the work of the organisation. The following pages attest to the large volume of work done by *Social Justice Ireland*. Much of this work is done on a pro bono basis by the Staff, Board, Committee members and volunteers.

Thank you, members of *Social Justice Ireland*. Your support, both financial and moral is very encouraging and energising.

Justin Kilcullen
Chairperson

Work Programme

The Strategic Plan of *Social Justice Ireland* covers the period 2016-2020. A work programme is developed each year on the basis of this plan. The following pages outline the work done during the past year. The work is summarised under each of the three Core Programmes, Public Policy & Research; Empowerment & Spirituality and Communications.

Public Policy and Research

Research

- Researched and published a briefing document on a Budget Framework.
- Researched and published the Policy Briefing *Budget Choices*.
- Researched and published a Policy Briefing *Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality*.
- Researched and published our *National Social Monitor*
- Researched and published four issues of the Quarterly *Employment Monitor*.
- Researched and published *Budget 2017, Analysis and Critique*.
- Researched and presented four papers to our Annual Social Policy Conference, on the theme: *Basic Income: Radical Utopia or Practical Solution?*
- Researched and published the Socio-Economic Review (SER) for 2017 entitled *A New Social Contract for a New Century: Securing Solidarity and the Common Good*.
- Prepared and published a Policy Briefing on tax entitled *Fairness and Tax Reform*.
- Published a *New Sustainable Progress Index* comparing the performances of the EU-15 countries on progressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Updated the figures on A Universal Pension.
- In conjunction with Trócaire researched the issue of divestment in fossil fuels.
- Prepared a paper on precarious employment.
- Worked with the Living Wage Technical Group on updating the living wage rate.

Europe

- Published a study of the socio-economic situation in the 28 EU member states entitled *The Excluded Suffer While Europe Stagnates*.
- Invited to participate in the EU seminar on the Common Consolidated Coordinated Tax Base and OECD BEPS.
- Had a meeting with the Semester Officer in the European Commission Office regarding the social direction of Europe and the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- Was invited by the European Commission Office to give initial comments and critique of the Country-Specific Recommendations for Ireland from the European Commission.

- Completed the National Shadow Report 2016 for Ireland on the Europe 2020 Strategy.
- Met with the EU's DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion to discuss this Shadow Report.
- As the CV Pillar representative, attended the Monitoring Committee of the EU Commission's Operational Programme for the South & East Region of Ireland.

Caritas Europa

- Produced the Ireland section of the Caritas Europa Shadow Report on Europe 2020 Strategy.
- Participated in Caritas Cares project
- Contributed to the Caritas Europa Flash Assessment of the National Reform Programmes and the Country Specific Recommendations.
- Contributed to Caritas Europa's presentation to the European Commission on the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- Joined the Caritas Europa Expert Network Structures 'Social Inclusion and Integration - Implementing SDGs in Europe' and 'Institutional Advocacy'

Better Europe Alliance

- Continued our engagement with the Better Europe Alliance which is focused on Ireland and the EU2020 Strategy. SJI invited as part of this Alliance to meet DG ECFIN to discuss Annual Growth Survey by European Commission Office Dublin.
- Took part in a consultation on the European Pillar of Social Rights organised by the European Commission office in Dublin.
- Met with the European Commission as part of a fact finding visit to Dublin to examine progress on Country Specific Recommendations and the National Reform Programme.

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Accepted invitation from EESC to take part in a roundtable discussion on the European Pillar of Social Rights with EESC, trade union and employer representatives.

United Nations

Seán was invited to present a paper at a United Nations Expert Working Group in New York on the subject: *Strategies to tackle poverty and create decent employment in the EU*. The 'Key Policy Messages and Recommendations' document produced by this international group of experts includes the following paragraph:

The social welfare systems in developed countries are no longer fit for purpose. There should be an adjustment of the paradigm including promotion, and openness to study new ideas around a new social contract that is more appropriate for the 21st century. This may entail moving towards a universal basic income system, supporting a living wage rather than a minimum wage, recognizing all work (not just paid employment) as meaningful, and ensuring that all government decisions are subjected to a poverty-proofing process. While the centrality of employment and decent jobs to eradicate poverty is well recognized, employment growth has not been sufficient to absorb the growing labour force, particularly in those countries and regions with large youth populations. Further, there has been a divergence between productivity and wages growth, as well as growing employment insecurity and casualization in all countries.

Global Goals Week As part of Global Goals Week *Social Justice Ireland* published ten 2-page briefings on how Ireland is performing in relation to ten of the seventeen global goals.

Global Justice Conference

To mark World Day of Social Justice (February 20) we organised a seminar on how Ireland is performing on the Sustainable Development Goals. Prof Charles Clark and Dr Catherine Kavanagh who have helped us develop a new index to measure progress on the goals, presented their work. The work was well received by the 80 participants and provoked an energetic discussion. It is planned to update this work annually.

NESC

Seán Healy was elected as one of the three representatives of the Community and Voluntary Pillar to the newly re-constituted National Economic and Social Council (NESC).

Submissions

In the past year *Social Justice Ireland* made the following submissions:

- to the Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs re the European Semester
- to the Department of Social Protection on the Working Family Payment.
- to the Department of the Taoiseach on Ireland and the 2020 Strategy focusing on the social inclusion aspects of the National Reform Programme.
- to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on the 2040 Strategy.
- to the Department of Education and Skills on the Statement of Strategy 2016-2018.
- to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on the Statement of Strategy 2016-2019.

- to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation on the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- Submitted our *Budget Choices* Policy Briefing to all Government Departments.
- to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on its Review of Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan
- To the Citizens Assembly on Climate Change.
- To the Open Government Partnership on their Programme for Action 2016-18.
- To the Department of Social Protection re the Pre Budget Forum
- To the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the Draft Mitigation Plan re Climate Change
- To the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government re Local Economic and Community Plans - Implementation, Monitoring and Review
- To the Department of Finance on the review of the Corporation Tax Code
- To the Department of Finance on the Sugar Sweetened Drinks Tax Public Consultation
- To the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on the Rental Strategy Consultation

Meetings with Government, Officials, Politicians & Advisers

- Met with Mr. Simon Coveney TD, Minister for HPC&LG, re social housing.
- Met with Minister Mitchell O'Connor TD and officials in the Department of Jobs, Innovation & Employment.
- Met with Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Denis Naughton T.D. regarding the Sustainable Development Goals and the Public Participation Networks.
- Met with Chief Whip, Ms. Regina Doherty TD re policy development.
- Met with Minister of State Joe McHugh TD re ODA.
- Met with the Secretary General of the Dept. of Finance, Mr Derek Moran.
- Met with the Secretary General, Dept. of Public Expenditure & Reform, Mr. Robert Watt.
- Met with the Assistant Secretary General, Department of Health, Mr Muiris O'Connor
- Presented our submission on Social Housing to the Oireachtas Committee on Housing and Homelessness.
- Met with Dara Calleary T.D., Fianna Fáil spokesperson on Public Expenditure and Reform.
- Met with John Brady T.D., Sinn Fein spokesperson on Social Protection to brief him on Budget Choices.

- Participated in the Department of Social Protection Social Inclusion Forum 2016.
- Had two meetings with Mr. Micheál Martin. TD, Leader of the Opposition and his team.
- Met with Eamon Ryan TD, Leader, The Green Party.
- Met with Sinn Fein team on Budget and in a follow-up to the publication of the Socio-Economic Review.
- Met with Mr Willie O'Dea, TD, and Team on Budget
- Made a presentation to the Oireachtas Budgeting Oversight Committee.
- Invited to attend and spoke at the All-Island Brexit Forum
- Seán Healy appointed a member of the National Framework 2040 Advisory Committee.
- Met Labour Party team in follow-up to Socio-Economic Review.
- Met the IMF during their bi-annual visit to Dublin to review progress. Several of the proposals we made during this meeting were contained in their report issued at the end of their visit to Ireland.
- Was invited to discuss Ireland's National Reform Programme with the Oireachtas Committee on European Union Affairs.

Meetings with, and via, Community & Voluntary Pillar of Social Partners

- Participated in the regular meetings of the Community & Voluntary (CV) Pillar.
- Led the representation from the CV Pillar to two meetings with the Dept. of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government on Housing.
- Participated in two meetings of the CV Pillar with the Dept. of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government on Community issues.
- Participated in two meetings of the CV Pillar with the Dept. of Social Protection on social inclusion issues.
- Participated in two meetings of the CV Pillar with the Dept. of Education and Skills on issues relating to education and training.
- Led the CV Pillar representation in meeting with the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.
- Led the delegation to the HSE on a wide range of non-hospital issues.
- Participated in the meeting with the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform re Budget issues

Basic Income

- Continued work with the Irish branch of BIEN (Basic Income Earth Network)
- Our Social Policy Conference put a spotlight on the issue.
- We are involved in ongoing research on costing Basic Income.

- Participated in and promoted media coverage of Basic Income.
- Provided briefings for Fianna Fail on Basic Income.

Social Policy Conference

The Theme for the 2016 Conference was *Basic Income: Radical Utopia or Practical Solution*

- The attendance was about 110 and representative of the various interests including policy-makers, academics and community activists
- Participation and feedback was good and useful suggestions for further research and conferences put forward.
- The cartoonist who sketched each paper as it was being presented was much appreciated.
- The 26 posters on Basic Income provided an interesting environment for the day.
- Media coverage was very good and continued for some weeks
- We published the papers as a book entitled *Basic Income: Radical Utopia or Practical Solution* on the day of the conference.
- With the help of Kairos Communications, we videoed all the presentations and the Q & A sessions. These are available as videos and podcasts on the SJI website.

Budget 2017

- Held a Seminar and Press Conference to launch our *Budget Choices*. The event attracted good media coverage and follow-up meetings.
- Presented our Budget proposals in a meeting with Ministers Noonan and Donoghue on Budget 2017 (as part of the CV Pillar).
- Presented our Budget proposals to the Pre-Budget Forum organised by the Department of Social Protection.
- Researched the tax options for Budget 2017 and prepared a Policy Briefing that was published two weeks before the Budget.
- Studied the Budget and produced an analysis and critique of the Budget which was published on the day following the Budget.
- Hosted a press conference attended by politicians, media and community activists. The Analysis and Critique of Budget 2017 was presented.

National Economic Dialogue

Seán Healy and Michelle Murphy invited to participate in the two-day event.

Empowerment and Spirituality

a) Workshops/Conferences/Seminars

Social Justice Ireland facilitated and/or provided input into 25 workshops/conferences/seminars involving 1729 people on a variety of public policy and values issues. [These figures do not include the work with the Public Participation Networks which is outlined below in b)] Among these workshops/seminars/conferences were the following presentations:

- Two papers at the Irish Social Policy Association Conference on Basic Income and on A Sugar Sweetened Drinks Tax
- A presentation on a universal pension at the Dublin Economics Workshop.
- A presentation on a universal pension at the Trinity Pension Conference
- A module on social change to the MA in Education students at UL
- A presentation at the NERI Post-budget Seminar
- A paper at the Trocaire Seminar on Divestment in Fossil Fuels
- A paper at the Coalition 2030 conference on Sustainable Development Goals.
- A paper at the Comhlamh conference on Basic Income
- A presentation to the Dublin Business School on Social Justice Research
- A paper at the Pobal Seminar
- A presentation to DIT students on Basic Income
- A presentation to the NUIG Pensions Conference, Galway
- A forward to a book and a presentation to the Writers' Group North Dublin
- A presentation to the NERI Conference Maynooth

b) Public Participation Networks (PPNs)

Public Participation Networks bring together environmental, social inclusion, community and voluntary organisations in a city or county to participate in decision making, share information and build mutual capacity. *Social Justice Ireland* sees the successful development of the PPNs as important to ensure that people have a say in the decisions that affect them. To this end, we have been supporting the local volunteers and workers in the PPNs over the past year. Seán Healy sits on the PPN Advisory Committee which advises Government on the future development of PPNs. During the year, PPNs have developed considerably, and have become established in their areas. Their training needs have moved from dealing with administrative issues to dealing with policy. We consider that we have contributed significantly to this development via our PPN supports which included:

- Supporting networking and peer learning among PPNs by hosting 10 regional meetings all over the country which were attended by over 170 representatives from 28 PPNs. Following these regional meetings, we produced a report on the key achievements and challenges to date for PPNs, which was circulated to

attendees and the Department. Several of the items raised have been addressed.

- Offering an updated suite of free Development and Support Programmes to PPNs, delivering 16 bespoke training sessions, mainly on policy issues;
- Mentoring PPN volunteers and workers via telephone and email support on a wide range of individual issues.
- Training Local Authorities in maximising the benefit of the PPN including for LA staff, senior management, CEOs and elected councillors;
- Contributing to a number of consultations relevant to the PPNs, and meeting with the relevant Department officials four times.
- Collaborating with the Environmental Pillar on the DEAR project as it relates to PPNs.
- Developing a toolkit to measure and promote community well-being which can be used by PPNs. This work has involved working closely with the Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government, the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Environmental Pillar.
- Co-organising and leading a one-day seminar of the reference group for this Well-being programme.

c) MA in Social Justice & Public Policy

We finalised plans for the MA in Social Justice & Public Policy with the Waterford Institute of Technology. This two-year part-time programme will recommence in September 2018 and will be run out of Dublin.

d) Trocaire

We implemented the agreed programme of work for Trocaire which included input to two Trocaire Conferences; Research on Overseas Development Aid and Research on divestment from fossil fuels.

e) Alone

Renewed our strategic partnership with ALONE for another year. This includes membership of oversight committees; strategic planning; facilitating an engagement between ALONE and the HSE re policies for older people; advising ALONE on research, communications and political engagement.

f) Irish Heart Foundation (IHF)

We made a submission to the Department of Finance as part of the Sugar Sweetened Drinks Tax consultation based on our joint paper with Irish Heart Foundation.

g) Living Wage Group

We continued our involvement with this group which sets the rate for the Living Wage each year.

Communications

a) **Communication with Members**

We sent regular updates to members and invited their views on the work being done.

b) **Publications**

- Policy Briefing on *Budget Choices*
- *National Social Monitor*
- 4 issues of the *Quarterly Employment Monitor*
- *Analysis and Critique of Budget 2017*
- *Ireland and the Europe 2020 strategy: Employment, Education and Poverty.*
- *Basic Income: Radical Utopia or Practical Solution?* - the papers of the Social Policy Conference (November 2016)
- *The Excluded Suffer While Europe Stagnates* (January 2017)
- Published Socio-Economic Review for 2017, entitled *A New Social Contract for a New Century: Securing Solidarity and the Common Good.*
- Published a tax policy briefing entitled *Fairness and Tax Reform.*
- Published the *Sustainable Progress Index 2017.*

c) **Website**

- *Social Justice Ireland* had over 4.6 million hits in the last 12 months with on average over 820 unique visitors per day.

d) **Newsreleases**

Social Justice Ireland issued more than 30 newsreleases during the year; some were promoting our publications, events; others were responding to developments and highlighting our position on various issues.

e) **Electronic and Print Media Coverage**

Social Justice Ireland engaged with the media, print and electronic, so as to promote the outcomes we sought in the various issues raised. In the past year we are aware of the following coverage in the media:

- 20 **TV** interviews broadcast on news and current affairs programmes.
- 449 views of videos on *Social Justice Ireland* YouTube channel
- 22 interviews on **National Radio** news and current affairs programmes.
- 221 interviews broadcast on 486 **Local Radio** news and current affairs programmes, many of which were repeated several times.
- Over 65 stories in the **National** press including 3 editorials and 5 op-ed pieces.

- 87 online newspaper articles.
- We are aware of over 70 articles in the **Local press**.

f) Social Media

- Our combined social media footprint is now 15,209 up from 13,346 in the past year

Evaluation, Impacts and Outcomes

Evaluation is an ongoing process where great attention is given to outcomes and impacts. It is carried out in the following phases:

- The weekly staff meetings where specific projects are reviewed in relation to inputs and outputs. The short-term impacts and outcomes (both planned and unexpected) are assessed. The learnings are noted.
- The annual ‘think-in’ by the staff provides an opportunity to reflect on these learnings and the medium-term outcomes when planning the following year’s work.
- At its regular meetings, the Board reviews the report by the staff on outcomes and impacts of recent and current activities.
- A thoughtful and well-focused preparation ensures that the annual think-in by the Board gives space for medium to long-term evaluation of outcomes and impacts.

Proposals for the Future

The work of Social Justice Ireland for the next three years will be in the service of the Strategic Plan 2016-2020 as amended by the Board at its annual think-in.

Members of the Board

Members of the Board of Social Justice Ireland

Justin Kilcullen	(Chairperson)
Connor Barry	Margaret Hassett
Colette Bennett	Micheál Collins,
Sheila Cronin,	Angela Durkin,
Joe Egan	Tony Fahey
Michael Howlett	Tom Jordan
Finbarr Tracey	Sandra O'Hara
Brid Ryan	Seán Ward
Brigid Reynolds	(Secretary)

Staff of Social Justice Ireland

Seán Healy	Chief Executive Officer
Sara Bourke	Policy Communications Officer.
Ann Leahy	European Social Policy Analyst
Eamon Murphy	Economic and Social Analyst
Michelle Murphy	Research and Policy Analyst
Brigid Reynolds	Company Secretary

Retiring members of the Board

Micheál Collins
Sheila Cronin
Angela Durkin
Tony Fahey
Tom Jordan

The following have been nominated for election to the Board

Angela Durkin
Sandra McCullagh
Tony Fahey
Tom Jordan
Michael Tobin

Mission and Values

Social Justice Ireland advances the lives of people and communities through providing independent social analysis and effective policy development to create a sustainable future for every member of society and for societies as a whole.

- We advance the lives of people and communities by working to build a just society. In doing this we give special priority to national and international issues related to poverty, inequality, social exclusion, sustainability and the environment.
- As an independent think tank *Social Justice Ireland* is a significant research resource in the area of social justice and public policy. We provide accurate social analysis of the current situation on an ongoing basis and identify effective policy proposals to address challenges.
- We are one of the leading advocates for the changes needed for a future that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially. We identify credible alternatives and effective pathways to resolving challenges faced across a wide range of public policy.
- *Social Justice Ireland* works to ensure that every member of society, and society as a whole, can flourish and thrive in a sustainable manner. We have a special concern for those who are vulnerable or on the margins of society. We believe that the dignity of all is enhanced when those on the margins of society are included. Consequently, we promote the development of an inclusive society in which everyone's rights and responsibilities are recognised and honoured.
- We work both nationally and internationally. The inter-relatedness of the local and the global requires that issues be addressed at different levels to ensure appropriate solutions are identified and implemented. We bring this perspective to bear on all we do.

Values

Social Justice Ireland promotes the values of both human dignity and the centrality of the community. The person is seen as growing and developing in a context that includes other people and the environment. Justice is understood in terms of right relationships. A just society is one that is structured in such a way as to promote right relationships so that human rights are respected, human dignity is protected, human development is facilitated, and the environment is respected and protected.

Social Justice Ireland speaks for those who have no voice in policy debates. We place a very high value on integrity in all we do and are confident enough to take an uncommon point of view or to propose an unpopular solution.

Core Programmes

To ensure both effectiveness and efficiency in our work and to achieve our strategic objectives, *Social Justice Ireland* has three programmes, each with a number of projects. These programmes address:

1. Public Policy & Research
2. Empowerment & Spirituality
3. Communications

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016

Held in Croke Park, Dublin,
on Tuesday November 22, 2016 @ 5.00pm

Minutes

Present: Tony Fahey, (Acting Chairperson), Joe Egan, Maurice Henry, Seán Ward, John O'Brien, Margaret Hassett, Therese Hasset, Ivan Cooper, Seán Healy, Lorraine O'Brien, Brigid Reynolds, Brid Ryan.

1. Opening

The meeting was chaired by Tony Fahey, Chairperson of the Academic Council of *Social Justice Ireland*. Tony welcomed the 12 members present to the Annual General Meeting of *Social Justice Ireland*.

2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM Meeting

Brid Ryan proposed the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting. This was seconded by Margaret Hassett.

3. Adoption of Annual Report

Copies of the annual report were circulated. The Chairperson, Tony Fahey introduced the report. Seán Healy presented an outline of the report under the three programmes. Lorraine O'Brien proposed the adoption of the Report. It was seconded by Maurice Henry. Members commented on the volume and quality of the work done and the impact it had on policy. The staff was thanked for their commitment and professionalism.

4. Adoption of the Financial Report

Brigid Reynolds presented the financial report which had been circulated to members. She drew attention to the deficit of €75K and the causes for the deficit. She noted the work being done to balance the books in future years. The Financial Report was adopted unanimously by the members.

5. Elections

Five members were nominated to fill the five vacancies on the Board. The following were returned unopposed; Joe Egan, Justin Kilcullen, Sandra O'Hara, Finbarr Tracey and Seán Ward.

6. In the absence of any other business the meeting was closed @ 5.20 pm.

Social Justice Ireland is an independent think-tank and justice advocacy organisation of individuals and groups throughout Ireland who are committed to working to build a just society where human rights are respected, human dignity is protected, human development is facilitated and the environment is respected and protected.



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