

Interim Open Government Round Table Civil Society members

The [Open Government Association of Ireland](#) (OGAI) nominated six interim Civil Society Open Government Round Table member. Their role is to direct the process to select the permanent Open Government Round Table Civil Society members for the two year duration to end of 2024.

The nominated interim Open Government Round Table Civil Society members are:

- Antoin O Lachtain (Chair - [Open Government Association of Ireland](#) / [Digital Rights Ireland](#))

Antóin Ó Lachtnáin is a volunteer director of Digital Rights Ireland and has been engaged with the Open Government Partnership process in Ireland since 2014. In his day-to-day work he provides services for suppliers in the electricity sector. He holds a Diploma in Financial Management from ACCA and a degree in psychology and philosophy from Trinity College, Dublin.

- Anne Colgan ([Imagine Dundrum](#))

Anne Colgan is an Independent Councillor for the Dundrum Ward in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Chair of the Council's Strategic Policy Committee on Citizen Engagement, former Vice President of the Association of Irish Local Government, and currently an Ireland representative on the Council of Regional and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe. Anne works as an independent organisational development consultant with a special interest in public engagement and consultation projects. She is founder and chairperson of the community group Imagine Dundrum, campaigning for a community voice in the redevelopment of Dundrum Village. Anne holds an M.Ed. and an M.Sc. in Management

- Carey Lening ([Privacy Activist with background in data protection and IT security](#))

Carey Lening, CIPP-E, CIPP-US works as a data protection and information security consultant in Dublin. Carey earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Irvine, and her JD from the University of New Hampshire School of Law. As a former attorney, Carey focused on the legal and policy issues surrounding computer & data security and privacy law.

- Dermot McNally ([OpenStreetmap](#))

Dermot McNally spent his career working in various parts of the Internet space, from ISPs through multinationals, and is a co-founder of the pioneering online tour operator Directski.com. He is a longtime contributor to the OpenStreetMap crowdsource map data project and has served on the Board of the OpenStreetMap Foundation (OSMF). He is currently a Board member of OpenStreetMap Ireland, the Irish local chapter affiliated with OSMF.

- **John Devitt ([Transparency International Ireland](#))**

John is the founder and Chief Executive of Transparency International Ireland. He helped facilitate Ireland's first OGP public consultation in 2013, and is author or researcher on numerous reports, as well as guidance on the topic of good government, whistleblower protection, ethics and anti-corruption standards. An ethics and communications specialist by training, John holds a first-class MA in Ethics from Dublin City University, and is a graduate of the University of Limerick and the Public Relations Institute of Ireland.

- **Ronan Kennedy ([Irish Council for Civil Liberties](#))**

Ronan Kennedy is Policy Officer for the Democratic Freedoms initiative. He previously worked in a number of policy and advocacy roles in Early Childhood Ireland, in the Oireachtas and the Institute for British-Irish Studies. He holds an MSc from University College Dublin on the topic of Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Resolution and his research on democratic inclusion has been published in the British Journal of Politics and International Relations.

OGAI is a special interest organisation that strives to achieve, in partnership with government, good governance and inclusive just society. The mission is to bring together civil society, private-sector organisations and citizens with the aim of developing a centre of expertise, specialists and networks that can support Open Government Partnership in Ireland. The activities focus on research and dissemination of information, a space for dialogue and advocacy for reform of laws and policies in support of an open, just and well-governed society.

Board representation:

There is a Government target to achieve 40% representation of each gender in the membership of all State Boards¹. While the Open Government Round Table is not a State Board, its terms of reference embraces the spirit of the Government target. The interim Open Government Round Table currently has 2 female Board members and 4 male Round Table Civil Society members, and zero vacancies. To meet the gender balance target, the permanent Open Government Round Table with 12 Round Table members would have to have a minimum of 6 males and 6 females.

¹ Source: Government of Ireland (2020), '[Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies: Annex on Gender Balance, Diversity and Inclusion](#)', Appendix 2.