

Charities Regulator Stakeholder Forum

Date: May 22nd 2023

Location: Charities Regulator, Georges Dock, Dublin 1 and virtual

An introductory meeting of the Charities Regulator's Stakeholder Forum was held on 22 May 2023.

An agenda was circulated before the meeting.

Welcome

Patricia Cronin, Chair, Charities Regulator Stakeholder Forum, Helen Martin, Chief Executive, Charities Regulator, and Patrick Hopkins, Chair, Charities Regulator welcomed the forum members and wished them well in their future deliberations and meetings.

Introductions by forum members and attendees

Members of the forum and representatives of the Charities Regulator briefly introduced themselves.

Stakeholder forum charter

The forum discussed and adopted the draft stakeholder forum charter setting out the terms of reference for the forum that had been circulated before the meeting.

Topical issue update

Thomas Mulholland, Head of Compliance & Enforcement with the Charities Regulator gave a brief update on some of the issues concerning charities that have come to the attention of the Regulator, highlighting the risk posed by payment redirection fraud on charities. The forum discussed actions being taken by charities to guard against fraud and possible areas for guidance from the Regulator.

Annual report filing

A discussion was held on how the sector's current level of compliance with annual report filing can be improved.

Next forum meeting

The next meeting of the forum is scheduled for 6 November 2023.