

Chairperson, Care After Prison



Applications are invited for a Chairperson for Care After Prison.

Role description

This growing, innovative and successful charity is seeking a Chairperson to lead the organisation through the next phase of its evolution.

As Chairperson you will provide leadership to the organisation, chair monthly board meetings (in the evenings, in central Dublin), be the line manager to the Executive Director, serve on board sub-committees as appropriate, and contribute a few hours a month to Care After Prison (CAP) at other times.

This is a voluntary role that presents an opportunity for the successful candidate to hone their leadership and governance skills. Joining the board of Care After Prison is also an opportunity to give something back to society.

As a board member you will bring your own expertise to the benefit of CAP, and guide the organisation through its evolution.

This vacancy comes about through the retirement of the current Chairperson. A handover period is envisaged. This position is unpaid.

The person:

The ideal candidate will be a dynamic person, a team player with:

- Experience of chairing a board of a non-profit organisation. Consideration will also be given to candidates without experience of chairing, but with extensive experience of non-profit board membership.
- An understanding of the non profit sector and the challenges and opportunities involved
- A passion/interest in the effective running of organisations and good governance
- A desire to change Ireland for the better

About this organisation

Care After Prison (CAP) is an exciting Dublin-based charity that is delivering great results in a very challenging field.

Put simply, CAP is a charity that helps ex-prisoners to reintegrate into society, turn their lives around and stay out of prison.

Over 65% of all those leaving Irish prisons end up back inside within 3 years. CAP's innovative peer-led model offers an alternative. If you are a person nearing the end of your sentence and want to break the pattern of reoffending, somebody from CAP who probably has experience of prison will work with you to identify your needs, and agree a contract with you.

This is a brilliantly simple idea - and since it was set up in 2011, Care After Prison has achieved exceptional results. We have looked after many hundreds of ex-prisoners. The reoffending rate of our service users is incredibly low – below 10%. Therefore, Care After Prison is:

- Making a massive difference to the lives of the people that we help
- Reducing crime
- Saving the exchequer a large amount of money.

Care After Prison is a peer led charity (the first of its kind in Ireland) which provides information, referral and support services to people who have been affected by imprisonment. This service offers ex-offenders a safe environment where they identify areas of need within their lives where support is needed to continue with their goal of leading crime free lives.

We believe in the ability of all people to change given the right circumstances and supports.

As part of our information and support service we also work closely with the families and loved ones of people under sentence and awaiting sentencing. CAP also works directly with victims of crime.

To apply for this position, please send a CV with a covering letter stating why you believe you are suitable to join CAP's board to chair@careafterprison.ie

To learn more about our work and its impact, see:

- This video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b347kj2LizI>
- Our website www.careafterprison.ie

Care After Prison is a registered charity (RCN 20081003)