



# **PLAYBOARD'S 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10am**

## **Programme of Events**

10.00am	Meeting opens.
10.00 – 10.30am	PlayBoard's Annual General Meeting.
10.30 – 10.40am	Introduction.
10.40 – 11.10am	Dr Naomi Lott, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Oxford - Naomi will highlight her doctoral research findings on Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child - the Child's Right to Play. Naomi's research scrutinised the right to play: the challenges faced in realising the right, the obligations pertaining to it, and recommendations for changing its status as the 'forgotten' right, offering an important contribution to the child rights field.
11.10 – 11.25am	Corinne Latham, Interim Director for Curriculum and Assessment, Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment - Focusing on the impact of Covid-19 on children and school life, Corrine will share the importance of access to play as a key aspect of Covid recovery within schools. Highlighting the recently published A Fair Start report on educational underachievement, the significance of a play-based curriculum shall be discussed.
11.25 – 12.00pm	Launch of Taking Outdoor Play Seriously (TOPS) and Positive PlayGrounds. The play programme, focused on Covid recovery, will support 20 schools across Northern Ireland to enhance their outdoor play offer and improve children's school-based play experiences during this academic year.
12.00pm	Close.



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**A G E N D A**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Chairperson
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous AGM held on Thursday 15th October 2019 at Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast. – Presentation only.
4. CEO’s Annual Review.
5. Statement of Accounts. – Resolution (RO21/1)
6. Re-election of Board of Directors. – Resolution (RO21/2)
7. Election onto the Board of Directors. – Resolution (RO21/3)
8. Election of Honorary Officers. - Resolution (RO21/4)
9. Appointment of Auditors. – Resolution (RO21/5)
10. Any other business.
11. Date of Next Meeting – November 2022.
12. Seminar.

**MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PLAYBOARD  
HELD ON Tuesday 15th October 2019  
Girdwood Community Hub, 10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast**

**Present: PlayBoard Board of Directors**

Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE -	Chairperson
Jacqueline O'Loughlin –	CEO/Company Secretary
Francis Loughlin -	Executive Member
Alix Crawford -	Executive Member
Caroline Durham -	Executive Member

**Membership**

Aime Tote	Jude Lunn
Aime McNeice	Kay Short
Aimee Fawcett	Kelly Allen
Amanda Grimes	Kelly Burke
Annie Blackburn- Thompson	Lisa McCavery
Beth Mckee	Louise Hamilton
Bethany Tombs	Neve Gibney
Brenda Kernaghan	Owen Dunnigain
Caitlin White	Rachael McCartney
Caroline Kerr	Rebeka Stukova
Charlene Harris	Rhys McLean
Courtney Morrison	Richard McMeekin
Courtney Adair	Richard Gibson
Dee Edwards	Sakina Brennan
Denise McVeigh	Sarah Millar
Ella Mckee	Sarah McClean
Ellie Malcolm	Shannon Main
Emma Moriarty	Sinead Gilmore
Eva Swanston	Sonya Carlton
Faith Garrett	Stacey Murray
Georgia Hamill	Steffanie Eachus
Jade Carlin	Stephanie Gray
Janie Toland	Symone McShane
Joan Noade	Tayloranne Young
Jolene Warren	Terrie Stitt
	Wiktorija Czajka

**PlayBoard Staff**

Alan Herron	Maria McBride
Bríd Duffy	Shauneen McCusker
Iain McAfee	
Jimmy Gillen	
Katie Turkington	
Karen Witherspoon	
Maeve McLaughlin	
Mairead McLaughlin	
Maria Hammond	

**1. Apologies**

Paul Donnelly, Kenny Rogers and Barbara McIlwrath

**2. Welcome and opening remarks**

PLM welcomed members to PlayBoard's 34th AGM and thanked everyone for attending. She thanked all the members for their commitment to PlayBoard, the Board for their good work throughout what was a successful year. It has once again been a perplexing year for PlayBoard and the wider voluntary sector, the absence of an Executive and local Assembly has proved challenging especially when trying to negotiate funding and policy matters.

Financially we are continuing to grow through the services we provide to all sectors and we hope that this will last. We have continued to work in partnership with Organisations to provide a strategic single voice with Officials in delivering the childcare strategy.

We will continue to represent the play sector going forward within our work with Government Departments. PLM thanked both Board Members and staff for the success of what PlayBoard has achieved.

**3. RO19/1 Minutes of previous AGM**

These were agreed and signed.

Proposed by: Amanda Grimes

Seconded by: Rachael McCartney

**4. CEO's Review**

JOL updated Members on the year's activities, where PlayBoard again had a busy year. PlayBoard has completed its first year and into its second year of the strategic plan. The plan includes 12 outcomes aligned with 4 work streams, which reflect the work we have been doing and which we want to develop further ensuring everything we do looks at what the outcomes are and what impact it is having.

We are confident that the strategic direction will see the play agenda grow, through gathering children & young people's views, working in partnership with all sectors in promoting those views on play. We have promoted the voice of children & young people on equity and how inclusive play and the play environment should be accessible to all.

PlayBoard as part of the Play Matters programme have been engaging officials and professionals to inform them of the importance of play and providing training so they imbed it into their work and policies. Unfortunately the short sightedness of the programme through only providing monies for limited time, the programme has come to an end with staff moving on, but PlayBoard will continue to advocate the need to continue Play Matters.

On a positive, the Board have taken a strategic decision to recruit a Service Delivery & Development Manager and two Playworkers to drive forward the work of the organisation ensuring that PlayBoard has capacity to deliver on its aims and objectives.

Strategic partnerships continue to grow and flourish both north and south of the border in leading the play agenda and our international work continues through the International Play Association Northern Ireland branch.

JOL thanked her Board Members and especially the Chair for the strategic counsel she has provided. I want to thank staff for all the hard work throughout the year, which PlayBoard would not have gotten to where we are today without that commitment.

**5. RO19/2 Receiving of Statement of Accounts for 2018/19**

JG presented the Accounts giving a breakdown of income and expenditure for the year. Full copies of the Accounts were provided.

Proposed by: Alix Crawford  
Seconded by: Caroline Durham

**6. RO19/3 Re-election of Board of Directors – 2019/20**

PLM acknowledged the work of the Board of Directors for their commitment, involvement on sub-committees, guidance and strategic direction of PlayBoard throughout the year.

The following were re-elected on PlayBoard Board of Directors by the Members:

- Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE
- DR Paul Donnelly
- Kenny Rogers
- Barbara McIlwrath
- Joan Henderson
- Stuart Buchanan
- Francis Loughlin

Proposed by: Dee Edwards  
Seconded by: Kelly Burk

**7. RO19/4 Election to the Board of Directors**

It was agreed that the following Member be adopted onto PlayBoard Board of Directors as a Trustee

- Alix Crawford
- Caroline Durham

Proposed by: Kay Shortt  
Seconded by: Richard McMeekin

**8. RO19/5 Election of Honorary Officers for 2019/20**

It was agreed that the following be adopted as Honorary Officers

- Patricia Lewsley-Mooney                      Chairperson
- Paul Donnelly                                      Vice Chairperson
- Kenny Rodgers                                      Treasurer

Proposed by: Brenda Kernaghan

Seconded by: Francis Loughlin

**9. RO19/6 Election of Auditors for 2019/20**

It was decided that PKF-FPM Accountants will remain PlayBoard Auditors for the 2019/20 financial year.

Proposed by: Patricia Lewsley-Mooney

Seconded by: Sonya Carlton

**10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business discussed

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next AGM will be November 2020.