



## Overview

Established in 1989, by a group of like-minded dancers and choreographers, the organisation was initially administered under the umbrella of the Dance Council of Ireland. Incorporated as a not-for-profit company in 1992. The founding members were John Scott, Roy Galvin, Zelda Quilligan, Robert Connor, Fiona Quilligan, Jeffrey Fox and Loretta Yurick.

Initially named the Association of Professional Dancers in Ireland, and widely known as APDI, the organisation re-branding as Dance Ireland, to coincide with its opening of DanceHouse (2006) and secured charitable status in 2012. In line with CRO compliance, the organisation legally renamed as the Association of Professional Dancers in Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee trading as Dance Ireland.

In 2018, Dance Ireland was awarded Strategic Funding Status by the Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíón.

## Board of Directors

**1992 Robert Connor Chair**, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Roy Galvin, Loretta Yurick.

**1993** Robert Connor Chair, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Roy Galvin, Loretta Yurick.

**1994** Robert Connor Chair, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Roy Galvin, Loretta Yurick.

**1995** Robert Connor Chair, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, Roy Galvin (retired), Aideen Gohery (co-opted), John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Mags Byrne, Ríonach Ní Néill.

**1996** Robert Connor Chair, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Mags Byrne, Aideen Gohery, Ríonach Ní Néill, Loretta Yurick.

**1997** Robert Connor Chair, Loretta Yurick, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Mags Byrne, Aideen Gohery.

**1998** Robert Connor Chair, Loretta Yurick (retired), Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Mags Byrne, Aideen Gohery, Ríonach Ní Néill.

**1999** Robert Connor Chair, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Mags Byrne, Aideen Gohery, Ríonach Ní Néill.

**2000** Robert Connor Chair (retired September), **Finola Cronin Chair** (co-opted July, appointed Chair September), Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, Aideen Gohery (retired September), Mags Byrne (retired September), Adrienne Brown, Olwen Grindley (elected September), John Scott, Liz Roche (elected September).

**2001** Finola Cronin Chair, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, Ríonach Ní Néill, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Olwen Grindley, Liz Roche.

**2002** Finola Cronin Chair, Zelda Quilligan Treasurer, Ríonach Ní Néill, John Scott, Adrienne Brown, Olwen Grindley, Liz Roche.

**2003** Finola Cronin Chair (retired May), Zelda Quilligan Treasurer (retired April), Adrienne Brown, Olwen Grindley Treasurer (appointed May), John Scott, **Liz Roche Chair** (appointed May), Muirne Bloomer (elected April), Fearghus Ó Conchúir (co-opted), Morleigh Steinberg (co-opted), Ríonach Ní Néill Secretary (appointed May).

**2004** Liz Roche Chair, Adrienne Brown, Olwen Grindley Treasurer, John Scott, Rionach Ni Neill Secretary, Muirne Bloomer, Fearghus Ó Conchúir, Morleigh Steinberg.

**2005** Liz Roche Chair, Ríonach Ní Néill Secretary, Muirne Bloomer, Adrienne Brown, Fearghus Ó Conchúir, John Scott, Gaby Smith (co-opted), Joe Melvin (co-opted), Olwen Grindley Treasurer (retired March), Morleigh Steinberg (retired).

**2006** Liz Roche Chair, Ríonach Ní Néill Secretary, Adrienne Brown, Fearghus Ó Conchúir, John Scott, Gaby Smith, Joe Melvin, Muirne Bloomer, Megan Kennedy (elected December).

**2007** Liz Roche Chair, Ríonach Ní Néill Secretary, Adrienne Brown, Fearghus Ó Conchúir, John Scott, Gaby Smith, Joe Melvin, Megan Kennedy.

**2008** Liz Roche Chair (retired April), **Adrienne Brown Chair** (appointed April), Megan Kennedy Secretary (appointed April), Ríonach Ní Néill Secretary (retired April), Fearghus Ó Conchúir, Anne Maher (elected April), Lisa McLoughlin (elected April) Cindy Cummings (elected April), John Scott, Gaby Smith, Joe Melvin (retired April), Muirne Bloomer (retired April).

**2009** Adrienne Brown (Chair), Megan Kennedy (Secretary), Fearghus Ó Conchúir, Anne Maher, Lisa McLoughlin, Cindy Cummings, John Scott (retired April), Gaby Smith (retired November).

**2010** Adrienne Brown (Chair), Megan Kennedy (Secretary), Fearghus Ó Conchúir, Anne Maher, Lisa McLoughlin, Cindy Cummings, Richard Johnson (co-opted October).

**2011** Adrienne Brown (Chair), Megan Kennedy (Secretary), Fearghus Ó Conchúir (retired April), Anne Maher, Lisa McLoughlin, Cindy Cummings (retired April), Richard Johnson, Breandán de Gallaí (elected April).

**2012** Adrienne Brown (Chair), Megan Kennedy (Secretary), Anne Maher, Lisa McLoughlin, Richard Johnson, Breandán de Gallaí, Richard Wakely (elected, April).

**2013** Adrienne Brown (Chair, retired April), Megan Kennedy Secretary (retired as Secretary April), **Anne Maher Chair** (elected July), Lisa McLoughlin (retired April), **Richard Johnson Deputy Chair** (appointed March), Breandán de Gallaí, Richard Wakely, Nick Bryson (elected April), Michelle Cahill (elected April, appointed Secretary July).

**2014** Anne Maher Chair, Richard Johnson Deputy Chair, Michelle Cahill Secretary, Breandán de Gallaí (retired October), Richard Wakely, Nick Bryson, Megan Kennedy, Joseph O'Hanlon (co-opted January), John Malone (co-opted, October).

**2015** Anne Maher Chair, Richard Johnson Deputy Chair, Michelle Cahill Secretary, Richard Wakely, Nick Bryson (retired April), Megan Kennedy (retired April), Joseph O'Hanlon, John Malone, Aoife Courtney (elected April), Maria Nilsson Waller (elected April).

**2016** Anne Maher Chair, Richard Johnson Deputy Chair, Joseph O'Hanlon Secretary (appointed November), Michelle Cahill Secretary (retired as Secretary June), Aoife Courtney, John Malone, Richard Wakely, Maria Nilsson Waller.

**2017** Anne Maher Chair (retired April); Richard Johnson Deputy Chair, Joseph O'Hanlon (Secretary); Michelle Cahill (retired April); Aoife Courtney; **John Malone Chair** (appointed May), Richard Wakely; Maria Nilsson Waller; Dr Orfhlaith Ni Bhriain (co-opted April), Laura Macken-Posavitz (elected April); Laura Murphy (elected April).

**2018** Richard Johnson Deputy Chair (retired April); Joseph O'Hanlon (Secretary); Aoife Courtney; John Malone Chair; Richard Wakely (retired April); Maria Nilsson Waller; **Dr Orfhlaith Ni Bhriain Deputy Chair** (appointed April); Laura Macken-Posavitz; Laura Murphy; Mihaela Griveva (elected April).