

# Northern Ireland Advisory Committee

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## Role profile

<b>Job Title</b>	Member of Northern Ireland Advisory Committee		
<b>Directorate or Region</b>	UK	<b>Country</b>	Northern Ireland
<b>Location of post</b>	Belfast	<b>Remuneration</b>	Unremunerated but reasonable UK travel and expenses reimbursed
<b>Reports to</b>	Chair of the Northern Ireland Advisory Committee	<b>Duration of job</b>	Three-year term, with possible extension for a further three years

## Background and Context

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.

The British Council is a registered charity incorporated and governed by a Royal Charter. It is led by a Board of Trustees that is accountable to the UK's Charity Commission for its activities.

To help us with the quality and independence of our thinking, we draw on the expert advice of both our sector advisory groups and our UK country advisory committees. There are three country advisory committees, for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, which report to the Board of Trustees. Members of these groups and committees serve in an advisory capacity and have no decision-making responsibilities.

As a member of the Northern Ireland Advisory Committee, you will advise the Country Director Northern Ireland, contribute to the British Council's strategic objectives and corporate priorities on behalf of Northern Ireland and reflect the needs of one or more of the British Council's target communities in Northern Ireland.

## Main responsibilities of members

- Contribute to the fulfilment of the committee’s purpose and objectives as outlined in its terms of reference
- Participate in committee meetings, normally three per year
- Advise on the development of Northern Ireland strategy
- Act as an advocate for the British Council’s work in Northern Ireland and in the UK as a whole
- Keep the British Council Northern Ireland abreast of major developments in the public, educational, economic and cultural life of Northern Ireland
- Serve as a channel of professional advice within their own area of expertise, and identify new opportunities
- Create links between the British Council and communities within Northern Ireland for whom our work has particular relevance.

### Terms and conditions

- Members are appointed for a three-year period, renewable for a second three-year term.
- The role is not remunerated but reasonable UK travel and expenses will be reimbursed at standard British Council rates.
- Candidates must have the right to work in the UK.

### Application process:

Applicants are asked to send a CV and supporting statement highlighting how you meet the criteria as set out in the role profile (up to 600 words) together with a covering letter to:

Sarah Brisbane, Equality & Operations Manager, British Council Northern Ireland,  
[sarah.brisbane@britishcouncil.org](mailto:sarah.brisbane@britishcouncil.org).

Attached are further details about British Council Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Advisory Committee.

<b>Please specify any passport/visa and/or nationality requirements</b>	None but candidates must have the right to work in the UK
<b>Please indicate if any security/legal checks are required for this role</b>	None
<b>Person Specification</b>	Candidates will be assessed against these criteria
<b>Essential and desirable Skills and Experience</b>	<b>Essential:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to the British Council’s mission to support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability to contribute to one or more of the three core areas of British Council activity (Arts, Education, English)</li><li>• Strong belief in, understanding and knowledge of what Northern Ireland can contribute</li><li>• Good team working skills</li><li>• Effective communication skills (oral and written)</li></ul> <p><b>Desirable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience and expertise in one or more of the three core areas of British Council activity (Arts, Education, English)</li><li>• Experience and expertise in international cultural relations</li><li>• Understanding and knowledge of one or more of the main geographical regions in which the British Council works.</li></ul>
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<b>Date</b>	04 September 2023
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