

National Open Research Monitor: Advisory Group

Terms Of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of this group is to provide external oversight and advice to IReL on the strategic direction and development of the National Open Research Monitor. Ensuring that the service is developed in line with best practice and is aligned with IReL's mission to develop an open, transparent, trusted and diverse scholarly communications ecosystem.

Scope

The Advisory Group members will provide guidance as required. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Advise IReL on the strategic development and activities of the National Open Research Monitor, Open Research and related issues
- Ensure Monitor functionality and upgrades are prioritised and assessed to meet the evolving needs of the Irish research community.
- Support awareness-raising initiatives for the Monitor, Open Access, and Open Research, and help promote effective community engagement.
- Actively support policy development and advocacy to advance Open Research monitoring
- Contributing to surveys, reports and other outputs related to the National Open Research Monitor
- Assess the performance of the Monitor and benchmark it against emerging international standards

Members

The Advisory Group is convened and chaired by IReL. Members are drawn from the Open Research Community (including but not restricted to: Higher Education Institutes, Funding Bodies and related projects). Appointments shall be made regarding competencies and expertise.

Membership will consist of:

- Chair: IReL Director (standing member)
- IREL Open Access Monitoring Officer (standing member)
- A minimum of 6 members with relevant expertise

Term

Members will serve a three-year term; which is renewable as the Monitor remains under development.

Meetings

The Advisory Group shall meet as required (with a recommended minimum of three meetings per year). Meetings will be hosted online by IReL.

Certain issues may not require a meeting and so may be addressed remotely via email (or similar).

Reports of Advisory Group activities (e.g. recommendations, actions) will be shared publicly and archived in Zenodo.

Members 2026-2028

- Susan Reilly, IReL (Chair)
- Aaron Binchy, IReL
- Fran Callaghan, MU
- Edie Davis, Research Ireland
- Caleb Dervan, UL
- Clare Dillon, Open Ireland Network
- Michael Foley, ENGAGED, TCD
- Kevin Kiely, TCD
- Dermot Lynott, Irish Reproducibility Network, MU
- Joan Murphy, DARIAH, TCD
- Jenny O'Neill, HEAnet
- Andrew Simpson, RCSI
- Sally Smith, CoARA, TCD