

Rationale - Patrick Flynn

I would like to apply for the position on the EAAE Council for the following reasons:

I am a PhD candidate with an MA in Teaching & Learning (by thesis) and a Diploma in Professional Practice along with my Bachelor of Architecture degree. I have lectured full-time for over 20 years. I am the Head of Learning Development in my College with responsibility for quality assurance and enhancement and development of pedagogy across 90 programmes. As part of my role I serve on many task forces and chair committees in the University with the aims of improving the quality of our teaching and supporting research.

I served on the Board of Architectural Education of the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland (RIAI), - the professional accrediting body for Irish architectural programmes. I have extensive experience of programme reviews, chairing RIAI visiting boards to Schools of Architecture in Ireland, UK and Spain, as well as contributing to reviews in Europe and the US. This is a total of more than 15 years' experience of influencing the direction of architectural education and research.

I have recently pioneered a new teaching and assessment method in the Architecture programme securing buy-in from management and colleagues, supporting staff delivering this new team-teaching approach. Based on this research I am now coordinating, as the lead partner, a collaborative partnership across four Irish HEIs, which has led to a successful application for funding from the National Forum for Enhancement of Teaching & Learning. I am one of the University's representatives on the European University proposal (EUt+) with responsibility for educational research initiatives.

I have experience of leading interdisciplinary teaching and learning initiatives, and supporting colleagues in other disciplines in effective collaboration.

The above demonstrate my leadership, dedication, initiative, and excellent interpersonal, communication, teamwork, networking and facilitation skills, along with the organisational and planning ability to set goals, and work to tight deadlines to produce work of an extremely high standard, whether in terms of team work, administration, teaching, management, research or engagement.

I would like to be given the opportunity to work with colleagues across Europe to promote the excellent work of the EAAE and share our knowledge with a view to supporting people engaged in the education of architects. We can expand our membership further by highlighting our initiatives and ideas around quality enhancement in teaching, learning and research.

As someone currently serving on the EAAE Education Academy I see that our organisation has the potential to develop further in working in a collaborative manner with each other to share best practice and explore common areas. We can work with different disciplines to co-create knowledge to further promote quality architecture and enhance our role as educators of architecture in society.

I would welcome the opportunity to bring my skills and experience to support colleagues across Europe as a member of EAAE Council.

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