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**Make your voice heard – Charities Regulator hosts Cork meeting to capture public opinion
on governance of charities**

The Charities Regulator will host a public meeting in Cork next week to capture the opinion of the general public and people with an interest in Irish charities on how charities should be governed.

“The Charities Regulator is seeking the opinion of charities trustees, their staff, volunteers, service users, donors and funders, for their input on an important piece of work currently being undertaken,” Charities Regulator Chief Executive John Farrelly said.

The Cork meeting (at the Ambassador Hotel, 7pm, Wednesday, 1 November) is the first in a series of regional meetings being organised as part of a national consultation process.

The Regulator has established a panel to make proposals for the governance of charities and to support trustees in their duties. These standards will deliver improved outcomes for our society through better focused charities where volunteers, staff, service recipients and all other stakeholders will have a common point of reference for governance standards.

As part of this process, the panel is seeking to consult the public and other stakeholders on issues such as governance responsibility, monitoring, governance code and guidelines. A series of public meetings and an online survey are being organised to give people the opportunity to make their views known.

Among the questions raised will be: Is there a need for a governance code specific to all registered Irish charities operating in the State?; Should these governance standards apply differently for small, medium and large charities?; Should there be reasonable checks on a person's suitability to be a charity trustee?; Should there be a maximum term allowable for charity trustees?

"The opinion of the Cork public on these key issues is important and I would urge everyone who has an interest in charities, and the valuable work that they do, to take this opportunity to share their views with us," Mr Farrelly said.

The following are the details of the public meetings:

Cork – Wednesday, 1 November, The Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill, St Lukes, Cork, 7-9pm.
To register to attend click <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/charities-regulator-governance-meeting-cork-city-tickets-39079600136?ref=estw>

Galway – Monday, 6 November, The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway, 7-9pm.

To register to attend click <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/charities-regulator-governance-meeting-galway-tickets-39079754598?ref=estw>

Dublin – Tuesday, 21 November, O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street, Dublin 2, 7-9pm.

To register to attend click <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/charities-regulator-governance-meeting-dublin-2-tickets-39079843865?ref=estw>

Each of the meetings will consist of a short presentation by the Charities Regulator's Chief Executive John Farrelly followed by consultation with audience members. The meetings will commence at 7pm.

The online questionnaire will be hosted on the Charities Regulator's website from 1 November to 6 December.

In addition, if members of the public wish to make a written submission they can email it to governancepanel@charitiesregulator.ie or post it to: Consultative Panel on Governance of Charitable Organisations, 3 Georges Dock, IFSC, Dublin 1.

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