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Mairead Dillon

My Toastmaster Experience

* Joined Toastmasters in Nov 2008
* September 2010 VP membership Greystones
* September 2011 VPE Greystones
* September 2012 President Greystones
* September 2013 Area Director
* September 2014 Youth Leadership Programme
* September 2015- 2017 Speechcraft
* September 2016 – Head of the Youth Leadership Programme for ROI
* September 2018 – Member of Team which chartered BOI BPZ Toastmasters

Experience outside Toastmasters

* Qualified accountant, specialising in Project Management
* Event Co-ordinator for Centre for Mindfulness Ireland.
* Created, planned and implemented Multicultural and I & D events for Bank of Ireland
* Introduced onboarding buddy system for BOI Finance Division
* Proposed, developed and managed Training Programmes in BOI
* A member of Enactus, a third level sustainable project organisation.

What makes me the ideal candidate for the role?

I have devoted many years to Toastmasters, working in many Leadership roles which have given me great insight into the needs of the member on the ground and the workings of TI. I have particularly excelled in the establishment of Youth Leadership Programmes and Speechcraft within corporate and school environments. I believe in Toastmasters values and my professional work experience complements the skillset required to undertake the role of Division Director in a competent and effective manner.

Why do I want the role?

It is a very interesting and exciting role. At Division Director level, I can really make a difference and have access to resources to change the experience of our members for the better. I want to create an excellent customer experience for our members and grow Toastmasters clubs. I also want to create Leadership opportunities for members and aid this through mentoring and coaching.

If you were elected, what would be your key actions in the role?

My number 1 priority is to re-establish high quality meetings. Get back to basics by ensuring, for example, meetings start and finish on time. When a guest visits a club, a member should be assigned to that person so that they can ask questions and get an understanding of Toastmasters. Also, evaluations are critical to members’ development so that would be a key action to ensure adequate training is given to evaluators. Finally, to ensure competitions are run accurately and effectively so that all members have an opportunity to progress.

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