

Candidate Profile - Mairead Dillon, FCCA, BComm



My Toastmaster Experience

- Joined Toastmasters in Nov 2008
- September 2010 - VP Membership Greystones
- September 2011 - VPE Greystones
- September 2012 - President Greystones
- September 2013 - Area 5 Director
- September 2014 - Delivered Youth Leadership Programme
- September 2015- 2017 - Delivered Speechcraft
- September 2016 - Head of the Youth Leadership Programme for ROI
- September 2018 - Chartered BOI BPZ Toastmasters
- January 2022 - D71 Alignment Chairperson
- September 2022 - Division M Director
- September 2023 - D71 Club Growth Director

Experience outside Toastmasters

- Qualified accountant, specialising in Project Management.
- Event Co-ordinator for Centre for Mindfulness Ireland.
- Created, planned and implemented Multicultural and Inclusion & Diversity events on behalf of Bank of Ireland.
- Introduced onboarding buddy system to Bank of Ireland Finance Division.
- Proposed, developed and managed Training Programmes within Bank of Ireland.
- A member of Enactus, a third level sustainable project organisation.
- Change Champion in the Health Services Executive (the equivalent of the NHS), specialising in stakeholder engagement and developing training plans.
- SAP trainer with the Health Services Executive, devising and delivering training programmes

What makes me the ideal candidate for the role?

I have devoted 15 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 Programme Quality Director in a competent and effective manner.

Why do I want the role?

It is a very interesting and exciting role. In the role of Programme Quality Director, I welcome the challenge to make a difference and support access to resources to change the experience of our members for the better. I want to create an excellent training and learning experience for our members and help members in their self-development journey. 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 one priority is to ensure members understand and utilise the Pathways programme for their educational development and recognise Club, Area and Division quality performances. Toastmasters is a well-structured international learning organisation with a track record of 100 years and it is important that members engage in developing themselves to get maximum value for their annual subscription. Secondly, as Programme Quality Director, I will assist club officers to undertake their role in an exciting and informed manner. Finally, I will work closely with my colleagues in the District Leadership Team and the 2025 Conference team so that we can showcase Toastmasters at its best and ensure that members get the opportunity to participate in contests while also enjoying seeing and listening to world class keynote speakers in action.