

ACTION TUAM – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ronán Long (Chairperson) is an estate agent with Property Partners, having served as Chairman of the Board from 2016-2018. Ronán holds a B.Comm from NUIG and BSc Estate Management with professional expertise in letting and sales contracts, as well as valuing properties and overseeing the management and maintenance of leased premises.
- Daniel Hardiman (Treasurer) - BA degree in Corporate Law from NUIG and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in Ernst and Young's Financial Services Department where he was involved in auditing some of the world's largest investment funds. He subsequently went on to work for Zurich Life in the New Business Department where he obtained his Qualified Financial Advisor status.
- Marian Williams (Secretary) – is currently a Community Employment Supervisor, co-ordinating the recruitment of CE applicants per the CE Recruitment and Referral Process issued by DEASP. Her role develops clear progression pathways in re-entry to education and work opportunities. Marian completed her BA(Hons) in Business in Social Enterprise, Leadership & Management in 2021. She has over 10 years working in people management in the hospitality industry. Marian has a long-standing interest and enthusiasm for assisting community projects, having founded the Three Rings Arts Group in 2016 and is currently a member of the Creative Places Tuam steering group. Marian has served on the board of Action Tuam since 2018. Marian has been involved in several community development projects in the past 20 years with a focus on developing employment opportunities within the arts and creative industries including West Awake Community Festival 2023; Ceol an tSamhraidh 2022/ 2023 Her work with the Three Rings continues to develop work opportunities for professional artists and technicians in North East Galway.
- Paddy Coyne is co-founder of iDonate, Ireland's largest fundraising platform. The platform provides online fundraising and consultancy services to over 5000 not-for-profit organisations. With 50 years' experience in the IT sector, he also owns Western Webs, which provides online web services to 100's of clients. Services include web marketing, eCommerce solutions, web design, social media marketing and web hosting. He previously worked in computer manufacturing (with Digital Equipment Corporation) having held a wide range of technical and managerial positions. Paddy is also a past chairperson of Action Tuam.
- Frank Dawson is a former County Manager and Chief Executive of Roscommon County Council, having previously served as Director of Services for Community and Enterprise in Galway County Council and Chief Executive of Sligo County Enterprise Board. He is Harvard educated in Public Governance and holds a Masters Degree in Rural Development from NUIG. He brings a wealth of experience around strategic planning and the functioning of local authorities and regional/national development agencies.
- Kevin O'Keeffe holds a BSc in Technology from Open University UK. He has over 25 years of experience working with large multinational life science companies holding roles of increasing responsibility including Director of Operations with Stryker before assuming the role of General Manager for Sterling Engineering. He has extensive capital investment and team leadership experience managing budgets in excess of €300M.
- Neil Carney is an event professional with over 20 years' experience working in the mega-international event space including Olympic & Paralympic Games and FIFA World Cups, Neil brings a wealth of knowledge in strategic planning, operational delivery, governance, stakeholder management and leadership. During this time, Neil has a proven record in bringing longer term vision, practical know-how and creative solutions to complex projects, to execute event delivery within budget. Neil has also worked extensively across the 'third sector' across his entire career, from his early foundation in running large scale student events focused on raising funds for charities, through to strategic long-term planning for the global Special Olympics movement, where he devised a strategic plan for the refocusing of their World Games programme. He has also worked directly in charity organisations during his career, both with Galway Hospice and Western Alzheimer's, in fundraising and events capacities. In addition, Neil has been active in Sylane Hurling Club on supporting their longer-term development initiatives. He is a former member of Tuam Lions Club.