**Deirdre Garvey**

**Chief Executive Officer – The Wheel**

Deirdre Garvey is the Chief Executive Officer of charitable nonprofit The Wheel, Ireland’s association of charities, community & voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

Ireland has over 10,000 registered charities and The Wheel represents and supports the sector to achieve positive social change.

Deirdre has represented the sector’s interests through serving on a wide range of government committees and fora including: The Implementation Advisory Group of the National Volunteering Strategy (2021 and ongoing), the National Training Fund Advisory Group (2019 and ongoing); the Charity Regulator’s Advisory Group for the Charities Governance code (2018); the Strategy Implementation Advisory Group for the National Women’s and Girl’s Strategy (2018 - 2021); the Charity Regulator’s consultative panel on the Regulation of Fundraising (2016); the Working Group on Citizen Engagement in Local Government (2013/2014).

She is in demand as a media and public speaker on the topics of ethics and governance for charitable non-profit organisations, charities regulation, best practice in the non-profit sector and how societies can maximise the involvement and engagement of people and communities in public decision-making.

Prior to joining The Wheel, Deirdre was Director of Development (Fundraising) at Barretstown in Co Kildare where she worked for five years. Before moving into the community and voluntary sector, Deirdre worked in the private sector, holding several managerial posts in the hi-tech field in Germany. Having studied science for her Bachelors degree in 1986, she completed a Masters in Business Administration in 2003. She holds a Certificate in Charity Law, Trusteeship and Governance from the Law Society (2018).

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