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## About the Job

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The **Irish Association of Creative Arts Therapists (IACAT)** seeks to appoint its first **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** to lead the organisation through a pivotal stage of growth and transformation.

Following the decision at the 2025 AGM to transition to a **Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)** and restructure into five modality branches, this new role marks an exciting milestone in IACAT's evolution. The incoming CEO will guide the organisation through this change, working collaboratively with the **IACAT Council, Board of Directors, Operations Manager, and members** to strengthen IACAT's visibility, capacity, and influence.

The CEO will play a key role in advancing the **professional recognition of Creative Arts Therapies** nationally and internationally, while ensuring effective governance, strong advocacy, and high-quality member services. This leadership position will oversee day-to-day management, legal and financial compliance, and the implementation of IACAT's strategic goals.

This is an opportunity for a dynamic and strategic leader with a passion for the Creative Arts Therapies and a deep commitment to professional standards, collaboration, and creative community development. The ideal candidate will bring experience in non-profit leadership, organisational development, or sector advocacy, and will demonstrate the ability to work effectively in a part-time executive capacity.

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## About IACAT

The **Irish Association of Creative Arts Therapists (IACAT)** is the national professional organisation representing **Art, Dance Movement, Drama, Expressive Arts, and Music Therapists** in Ireland.

IACAT works to uphold high standards of professional and ethical practice, advocate for recognition of the Creative Arts Therapies, and provide support, connection, and resources for its members.

Rooted in a belief in the transformative power of creativity, IACAT promotes the contribution of the arts to health, wellbeing, and social change. Through advocacy, education, and community engagement, the organisation works to ensure that Creative Arts Therapies are recognised and accessible within health, education, and community contexts.

To learn more, visit [www.iacat.ie](http://www.iacat.ie).

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## Role Details

**Position:** Chief Executive Officer

**Reports to:** IACAT Elected Council & CLG Board of Directors

**Hours:** Approximately 10 hours per week, payable by monthly invoice

**Location:** Remote and/or Dublin (occasional in-person meetings as required)

**Start Date:** February 2026

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## Terms & Remuneration

**Contract & Remuneration:** €35 per hour — offered on a **1-year rolling contract (subject to funding)**, with a 6-month probation period and 3 months' notice by either side after successful completion of probation.

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## How to Apply

Applicants should submit a **CV and cover letter** outlining their suitability for the role by **Thursday, 15th of January 2026**, to [chair@iacat.ie](mailto:chair@iacat.ie). Should the maximum number of applicants be reached prior to this date, IACAT reserves the right to close applications early.

**Interviews** will take place during the **last 2 weeks of January 2026** and will be conducted by a panel comprising IACAT Council representatives, a member volunteer, and an independent external expert.

Please note: If you apply via LinkedIn's "Easy Apply" option, you will still need to submit a cover letter to support your application. Applications without a cover letter unfortunately cannot be considered.