

## **ST MARY'S: Faith in Educational Opportunity**

The Department for the Economy (DfE) is seeking to appoint 4 new members to the Governing Body of St Mary's University College, Belfast. St Mary's is a small, specialist and distinctive institution that is highly focused on its mission; it is high performing and has an international outlook.

**People with a disability and those from minority ethnic communities are currently under-represented on DfE Boards and applications from members of these groups would be particularly welcome.**

The appointment begins on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Members of the Governing Body do not receive any remuneration. However, they are eligible to claim allowances, at Northern Ireland Civil Service rates, for travel and subsistence costs necessarily incurred on official business.

The Governing Body meets at least four times a year. Successful applicants are expected to attend all meetings and will be invited to sit on sub committees during their period of appointment which currently stands at 5 years. They may also be required to attend external functions as representatives of the Governing Body and/or College.

Applicants are required to submit evidence of competency against 3 essential criteria.

An application pack with full details and guidance may be obtained from [www.economy-ni.gov.uk/department-economy-public-appointments](http://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/department-economy-public-appointments) or :  
DfE's Public Appointments Unit, Adelaide House, 39-49 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8FD

Email: [pau@economy-ni.gov.uk](mailto:pau@economy-ni.gov.uk)

Telephone: (Janet McCrum) 028 90 529492 or Text Relay: 18001 028 9052 9492.

Application packs can be made available in other formats upon request. Applicants with a disability who meet all of the criteria at the sift stage will automatically be guaranteed an interview.

**The closing date for applications is noon (BST) on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Late applications will not be accepted** (Except in exceptional circumstances).

Applicants invited for interview are eligible for reimbursement of reasonable travelling expenses incurred within the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

**Equality of Opportunity:** The Department is committed to the principles of public appointments based on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. The Department is also committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes application forms from all suitably qualified applicants irrespective of religious belief, gender, race, political opinion, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or whether or not they have dependants.

