

Good Governance Awards (GGA)

Conflict of Interest principles and policies for the judge's panel

The purpose of this policy statement is to recognise that conflicts of interest may occur and to set out guidance and procedures that must be followed to ensure that a conflict of interest, or potential conflict of interest, does not have an adverse effect on the development of the Good Governance Awards, the assessment process or the assessment outcomes.

- None of the nonprofit partner organisations will submit an entry for their organisation
- Where a judge has a direct connection¹ with an applicant organisation, they will excuse themselves from the assessment and evaluation of that organisation
- It is the responsibility of a panel judge to notify GGA organiser (Diarmaid Ó Corrbuí) or the Chair of the Judging Panels (Penelope Kenny) or the Vice Chair (Aedín Morkan) as soon as possible if she/he becomes aware of a conflict of interest in judging a particular entry in the Awards
- In the case of judge with a declared conflict of interest, the judge will be asked to swap category panels with another judge who does not have a conflict of interest with the shortlisted entries in that panel.
- The judges will receive the names of shortlisted entries for the assigned award category. They will be asked to declare any possible conflicts of interests before the shortlisted entries are forwarded on to them.
- A 'conflicted' judge should refrain and excuse him/herself from any discussion or decision making in relation to the entry.
- If a judge is unsure about a possible conflict of interest she/he should consult with the Chair of the Judges Panel (Penelope Kenny) or the Vice Chair (Aedín Morkan).

¹ A Direct connection for the purposes of this policy applies where the judge and/or an immediate family member (spouse/partner, father/mother, son/daughter, brother/sister) has a formal relationship with the organisation as a board/trustee member, staff, volunteer or as professional advisor to the organisation, or has or had a personal or professional connection with the organisation within the last 24 months.