

ElectricAid Annual General Meeting – 20th June 2022

11am to 12.30pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: 41 attendees

<p>Welcome and Opening Address by Chairperson</p>	<p>Judith Doherty, the Chairperson of ElectricAid opened the Annual General Meeting by welcoming all attendees and expressed a privilege to be Chairperson</p> <p>It is 35 years since the foundation of ElectricAid borne from the staff response to the 1987 famine in Ethiopia.</p> <p>Judith Doherty identified some recent challenges and outlined the success of the recent Ukraine Appeal which raised €105,000 from staff and pensioners with a very generous matching amount from ESB of €100,000 bringing the total raised to €205,000. She thanked ESB and Pat O’Doherty for showing this commitment and support.</p> <p>Judith Doherty then welcomed Courtney Pollard , Trust Foundation and Partnership Manager of GOAL to make her presentation to the meeting.</p>
<p>Presentation by Courtney Pollard, GOAL</p>	<p>Courtney Pollard outlined the co-operation and partnership between ElectricAid and GOAL over many years with a joint vision.</p> <p>GOAL was founded 45 years ago.</p> <p>GOAL operates in accordance with the United Nations Strategic Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>GOAL operates in fourteen countries across Africa, the Middle East and South America.</p> <p>Since 2006, ElectricAid has funded 83 projects to a total value of €900,000 and, in addition, has funded 10 special appeals in the period 1984 to 2022.</p>
<p>Minutes of 2020 AGM, held on 15th September 2020</p>	<p>The adoption of the minutes of the 2020 AGM was proposed by John Kelly and seconded by Éadaoin Smith.</p>
<p>Executive Report Chairpersons Report</p>	<p>Judith Doherty expressed her thanks to all ElectricAid members who have contributed over €1 million to projects worldwide. She mentioned the BU events, ESB Athletic Group and the Sligo Walk and social groups who nominated ElectricAid during the year as their ‘chosen charity’.</p> <p>In particular, she outlined the success of the UNICEF ‘Give a vaccine, Get a Vaccine’ appeal. ESB committed €80,000, matched ElectricAid funds up to €25,000 and members donations came to €25,677 raising in excess of €130,000.</p> <p>ElectricAid donations are aligned to the United Nations Strategic Development Goals (SDGs). 82% of 2021 projects were assigned to Quality Education, Good Health and Wellbeing , Zero Hunger and Clean Water and Sanitation projects and 4 projects were outlined from Ethiopia, Dublin Haiti and Zimbabwe. 70% of donations are to Africa; 15% to Asia and 15% to the rest of the world.</p> <p>Judith Doherty outlined the progress made by the four sub-groups within ElectricAid – Governance, Finance, Evaluation and Membership and thanked all involved for their work during the year.</p> <p>Judith Doherty spoke of how members are the heart of what we do, and there are steps to ensure ease of payments can be considered and how the</p>

	<p>members can best be reached and connected with through a roll out of video on ElectricAid, the history, structure, finance model and projects completed. Judith Doherty thanked the business units in EirGrid and ESB for their support of the planned roll out of communications which were facilitated in many business briefings.</p> <p>The relationships and engagement with partners is very important to ElectricAid and members who shared with ElectricAid committee via presentations in 2021 were Self-Help Africa, CBM and Oxfam.</p> <p>Building on partner conversations Judith Doherty then outlined the progress made on a strategic partner funding which will better meet the needs of those organisations and beneficiaries. The ElectricAid Strategic Pilot Proposal launched with See Beyond Borders a video was shared to set out the benefits.</p> <p>Having undertaken a series of strategy review meetings Judith Doherty was pleased to highlight that the strategy 2022-2025 will be launched and shared next on the website.</p> <p>Judith Doherty referred to changes on the committee and ElectricAid office, Fergal Fitzgerald had moved into a different role at the end o 2021 and she thanked him for his dedication to the role and welcomed Orla who took on the role.</p> <p>The Executive report was proposed for adoption by Pauline Holland and seconded by James Foley.</p>
Executive Report ElectricAid Office	<p>Orla Gallagher presented the report on behalf of the ElectricAid office. There were 96 project fundings by ElectricAid in 2021; 4 in Ireland and 92 worldwide across 34 countries.</p> <p>79 projects focused on the Sustainable Development Goals of Quality Education and Good Health and Wellbeing, Zero Hunger and Clean Water and Sanitation. The remaining 6 projects were across another 6 Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Completion reports re required from all projects and reporting levels were high.</p> <p>The Executive report was proposed for adoption by Gillian O'Regan and seconded by John Kelly.</p>
Honorary Treasurer's Report for year ended 31 st December 2020	<p>Shane McDonnell, the Honorary Treasurer, outlined the financial report for the year:</p> <p>Income for the year 2021 was €1,040,988 compared to €1,079,064 for 2020. Expenditure for the year 2021 was €1,011,163 compared to €1,051,233 for 2020. The surplus of income over expenditure for 2021 was €30,826 compared to €27,831 for 2020.</p> <p>The full financial audit will be completed shortly and will be published in full.</p> <p>Proposal to approve the financial statements was made by Anthony Le Courriard and seconded by Mary Kavanagh.</p>
Election/Appointment of Officers	<p>The officers of ElectricAid are:</p> <p>Chairperson: Judith Doherty (into second year of a two-year term) Vice-Chairperson: Anthony LeCourriard (into second year of a two-year term)</p>

	<p>Honorary Treasurer: Shane McDonnell (into second year of a two-year term)</p> <p>Honorary Secretary: There was one nominee Mary Kavanagh for Honorary Secretary and Mary Kavanagh was elected unopposed.</p>
Election/Appointment of Executive Committee	<p>There are 10 members of the ElectricAid committee and 10 nominees for committee membership, so the 10 nominees were automatically elected. They are:</p> <p>Brendan Allen Michael Carroll Paul Cox James Foley Timothy Hurley Pauline Holland John Kelly Zoe Murphy Bernie O'Connor Gillian O'Regan</p> <p>Judith Doherty welcomed the three new members Brendan Allen, Michael Carroll and Timothy Hurley to the ElectricAid committee and to give them a sense of the difference ElectricAid makes, a video was played prepared by some members of the committee, and this will be uploaded to the website.</p>
Any Other Business	<p>Thanks were expressed for the excellent work done by Sandra Ryan for the presentations and videos for the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Appreciation was also expressed for the work done by Oonagh Dalton of ElectricAid office and Sanjena Bhutani. A special mention to Éadaoin Smith and Peter Kelly who were stepping down for their many years of commitment and service to ElectricAid.</p> <p>Judith Doherty thanked all attendees including Courtney Pollard from GOAL, ESB and EirGrid for continued support and brought the Annual General Meeting to a close.</p>