



Paddy Kavanagh Nominee to WPC board

I am currently a member of the board of the WPC. I have served on sub-committees/working groups for World Plumbing Day, Health & Safety & Education & Training.

I have attended all board meetings (bar one) be they in person Tokyo 2024, Lyon 2024 or online.

I have promoted the work of IWSH both in Ireland by inviting Sean Kearney to our conferences in 2022 and 2024 and internationally by ensuring he spoke at the Global Power Trade Unions in 2022.

Through Connect we have ensured plumbing apprentices attended the apprentice forum at ISH in Frankfurt Germany.

As the union rep on the National Apprenticeship Alliance I have constantly worked to stress the importance of maintaining and indeed improving the training electives for the plumbing apprenticeship in Ireland. This also includes ensuring that a spurious apprenticeship that would be harmful to the plumbing apprenticeship was quashed.

At the health & Safety authority I work on the regs and safety standards for Water supply and treatment, sewage and waste water regs and treatment through my position as Vice-Chair and member of both the Strategic Steering Committee and the Legislation & Guidance committee.

If re-elected I intend to continue this work.

Please see below a brief bio

- General Secretary Connect Trade Union
  - Irelands largest craft and engineering union
  - 40k plus members plus 10K apprentice members
- Vice Chair National Safety Authority Ireland
  - NSA responsible for setting safety standards and codes
  - Accident reporting and legislation
- Board member Skillnet Ireland
  - Largest training body in Ireland with €80m budget

- Industry led training
- National skills network
- Chair of Educational Training & Organisational Services Ireland (ETOS)
  - Training company for upskilling Connect members
  - Plumbing and pipefitting courses
- Member of Solas Apprenticeship Appeals & RPL Committee
  - Overseeing apprentice exam appeals (including plumbing)
  - Overseeing accreditation for prior learning (including plumbing)
- Member of the National Apprenticeship Office Advisory Committee
  - Overseeing Training for apprentices (including plumbing)
  - Setting curriculum reviews (including plumbing)
  - Previously subject matter expert (SME) on MAMF apprenticeship
  - Overseeing introduction of new apprenticeships
  - Currently reviewing Water & Sanitation Technician
- Current Board member WPC

