



Irish Road Victims Association

‘Change doesn’t just happen, it is propelled by men and women whose spirits are provoked and inspired to make a difference’ – NGO ‘Brussels Declaration’

Re: Acceptance of nomination

23rd May 2021

IRVA is a founding member of the International Road Victims' Partnership

Dear Koen / Banita

This letter is to formally accept my nomination by IRVA for the forthcoming election for a position on the board of FEVR, as required.

IRVA is a member of the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR).

As you all may know, I’m a bereaved mother. My 18 year old son Darren was killed in a crash with a distracted HGV driver while travelling to college in Ireland in 2006. Our lovely son’s sudden, violent death shattered our whole world. But it was our treatment by the justice system, which compounded our grief, that compelled me to take action to try to prevent our pain being experienced by other families. I founded the Irish Road Victims’ Association, the national charity for road crash victims in Ireland, following the Coroner’s inquest into my son’s death, and I’ve been a FEVR delegate since the conference in Rome in 2010. For over a decade IRVA has been an active contributor to the work of the federation, working with all stakeholders on a national, regional and global level to better support road victims and their bereaved families and to reduce road dangers, while also striving to improve the post crash response including police investigations and the criminal justice process which have let too many of our bereaved families down.

IRVA is a member of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety.

IRVA is a member of the Victims’ Rights Alliance.

On a national level I was appointed to the board of the Road Safety Authority in Ireland by the Minister for Transport Shane Ross TD for a 3

IRVA is a member of Victim Support Europe

IRVA is a signatory to the European Road Safety Charter

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year term, and I was re-appointed for a further term of 3 years by the current Minister Eamon Ryan TD in January this year. I was also appointed this year to the major trauma audit governance committee in the National Office for Clinical Audit (NOCA).

On a Global level I founded and Co-Chair the International Road Victims' Partnership (IRVP) in May 2017. IRVP is a partnership of over 140 NGOs from all regions of the world working together to reduce road dangers, improve the post crash response & advocate for the rights of victims and bereaved families. I am IRVP delegate at the UNRSC and ETSC.

I was presented with the RSA leading light Road Safety Ambassador award in 2015 and the Global Alliance of NGOs / FEDEX award this year.

If appointed to the board of FEVR, I feel our priority should be to help strengthen the voice of the victims and to better support those left bereaved and seriously injured. We need to work with all stakeholders at home and abroad to strengthen that aim, focussing on, and not deviating from, our core mission. Alone, we are just one, or a few bereaved families. Together, our voice is much stronger and more powerful. We are not in competition with anybody. As we are all volunteers, we know why we do this work. There is no greater calling than to try to save lives and prevent injury. Sadly too late for our families, but every life we manage to save truly matters. I am willing to devote my time, as required, in order to work together to pursue our aims and objectives to the best of my ability and as part of the team.

With every good wish,

Donna Price, Founder & Chair IRVA

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