



NEW ISLAND

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The Arts Council of Ireland
70 Merrion Square
Dublin 2

Re: Governance Transparency Letter New Island Books Ltd. January 2018

List of current directors:

Edwin Higel	Chairman and Managing Director
Daniel Bolger (US)	Editorial Director and Company Secretary
Michael Darcy	Director
Dermot Bolger	Director

Directors' short biographies:

Edwin Higel is Publisher and Managing Director of New Island. Born in Germany, he studied German and English Literature in Tübingen. Edwin moved to Dublin in the late 1970s, teaching at the Goethe Institut. He got involved in Irish bookselling and publishing through book wholesalers Argosy Books and being Irish area manager for Methuen and its associated imprints.

In 1987, he set up his own publishing services agency, and in 1992, with Dermot Bolger, founded New Island Books. He is also a founding member and director of Compass Independent Publishing Services in London/Edinburgh.

Daniel Bolger was born in the United States, studied English and American literature at Temple University in Philadelphia, and graduated with an M.Phil in Anglo-Irish Literature from Trinity College Dublin in 2007. With Dermot (no relation) and Edwin he shares an enthusiasm for great Irish writing that is unconcerned with the boundaries imposed by corporate genres.

Michael Darcy studied English Literature at Trinity College Dublin and has extensive experience in Irish and British bookselling and publishing where, as a director and manager of Brookside Publishing Services, he counts many big names in Irish and UK publishing among his clients.

Dermot Bolger is one of Ireland's most respected authors whose awards include the Samuel Beckett Award and the A.E. Memorial Prize. An acclaimed poet, playwright and novelist, his

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works have been staged and published in many countries. A co-founder of New Island, he joined the board of directors in 2017. Bolger writes for Ireland's leading newspapers and was named Commentator of the Year at the 2012 Irish Newspaper awards.

Copy of the recent Financial Statement:

A copy of our Financial Statement for Financial Year 2016/17 has been made available to the Arts Council on 12 January 2018, and a copy of it will be posted on the New Island website week ending 26 January 2018.

Commitment to guidelines for Financial Reporting:

The company is firmly committed to adhere to these and has enacted a comprehensive review of financial practices. In addition, Niall O'Carroll will provide advice guidance and advice to the board on a contractual on-going basis to help ensure this high level of compliance. He will report to the board and the chairman on a regular basis.

Commitment to comply with the Governance Code:

This commitment is given.

In addition, the board will examine its legal form to reflect the Companies Act of 2014 and expectations of the Arts Council, and have an updated version of the Articles of Association and a Constitution in place by July of 2018.

Edwin Higel
Chairman
New Island Books Ltd.