**Public call for expression of interest for individuals to serve on**

**Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) of the**

**Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Kerry**

Kerry County Council’s, Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Kerry, is a first stop shop to provide support and services to help start and develop small businesses in Kerry. The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) evaluate all projects being considered for financial support.

Kerry County Council is now inviting expressions of interest from individuals who have the necessary interest, expertise and experience to be appointed to the Evaluation and Approvals Committee. There is no remuneration attached to the positions. The Committee meet at least five times per year with meetings currently conducted online.

Prospective members should have:

* Experience in assessing financial and business proposals
* Broad business experience and an understanding of the challenges facing micro enterprises;
* Expertise in one of the following areas:
	+ Finance/banking/accountancy expertise
	+ Equity/investment expertise
	+ Financial and/or business qualifications
	+ Business Development
	+ Marketing/sales

In making any appointments to this Committee, the Local Authority will give due consideration to the principles of equality and gender balance; however the Council will not necessarily be confined to those who make such expressions of interest but will ensure that all of those appointed have the relevant mix of knowledge and expertise to contribute to the Committee.

Kerry County Council will appoint members for a maximum period of five years. The decision of the Council is final and is not confined to the applications received. All expressions of interest lapse at the end of two calendar years from 15th August 2022.

Completed expression of interest forms should be sent to leo@kerrycoco.ie by e-mail by **4.00 p.m. on** Monday **15th of August 2022**.

All applications will be acknowledged and applicants will be informed in due course of decisions in relation to the appointments.

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| E-mail: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Social Media Profiles (optional): |  |

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| Areas of Expertise | Please mark (**x**) in appropriate boxes |
| Entrepreneurship [ ]  Business Development [ ] Finance/banking/accountancy [ ]  Marketing and Sales [ ] Equity and Investment [ ]  |

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| Short summary of work experience (organisation, years, position/types of work):  |
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| Experience in assessing financial proposals:  |
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| Short description of the skills set that you will bring to the Committee:  |
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| A short statement outlining your reasons why you wish to serve on the Committee:  |
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You are welcome to attach your CV to this application if you wish.

Please return this form by e-mail to leo@kerrycoco.ie by **Monday 15th August at 4.00 p.m.** with the subject line **‘EoI EVAC Committee.’**

Thank you for your expression of interest.