

Draft Terms of Reference

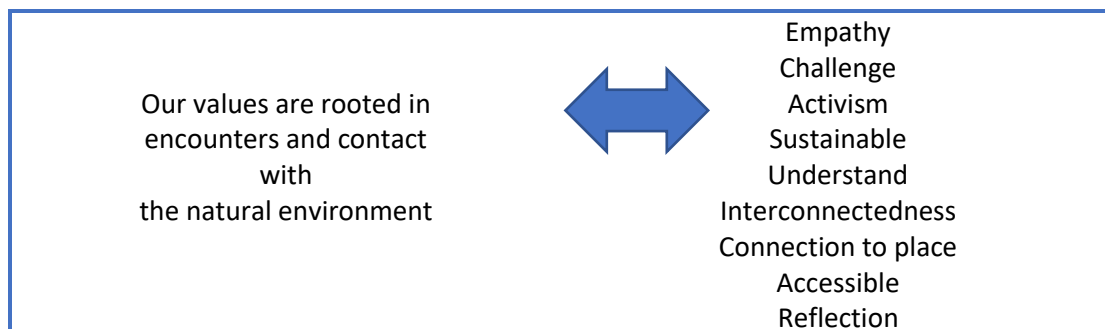
Editorial Panel of Lasmuigh Professional Practice Journal

Overview of Lasmuigh

Lasmuigh is a professional practice journal that aims to both inform and reflect the outdoor sector on the Island of Ireland by reporting on and sharing good practice that reflect the Lasmuigh values. The publication serves as a commitment to the ongoing development of practice, to sharing ideas and innovations, and to promoting an awareness of research on the Island of Ireland and Internationally on outdoor practice. Lasmuigh seeks to engage with and be inclusive of all those who share the outdoor setting for experiences be they recreational, developmental, educational, or therapeutic or other areas.

Our Values

- Our values in Lasmuigh are rooted in exploring encounters in nature that facilitate empathy and connection, which inspire engagement, challenge existing assumptions, and foster activism that is beneficial to nature and society.
- These values are borne out of a respect for and understanding of our interconnectedness and dependence on nature promoting sustainable approaches.
- These values encourage a shift away from an emphasis on the economic and unsustainable benefits humans derive from engagement with nature and a move towards a more eco-centric view of the world.
- Lasmuigh values place and outdoor experiences that interrogate our sense of place and sense of connection to place. It seems important for an outdoor journal that is based on the Island of Ireland to value the power of place and the deep connections it can bring.
- Lasmuigh values making meaningful outdoor experiences accessible to all.
- Finally, Lasmuigh values critical reflection to develop understanding and improve practice.



Focus of the Editorial Panel

- To ensure a professional publication of 2 x issues of Lasmuigh in each calendar year. Content will be in line with Lasmuigh values and agreed in advance of each publication in accordance with its values and to ensure it is representative of the increasingly diverse outdoor sector.
- Editorial panel members will review a maximum 2 x submissions each per issue.
 - The editor will allocate submissions for review to panel members in accordance with expertise and experience.
 - Panel members will provide feedback to contributors with suggestions/guidance for editing if required
 - Guidelines/templates will be provided for contributors and panel members to ensure consistency and fairness.

Membership

- Membership of the editorial panel should represent the broad Outdoor Sector¹ on the Island of Ireland
- There will be 4 x online meetings per annum, panel members are expected to attend a minimum of 3 of these.
- The editorial panel will consist of 9-12 members.
- It is desirable that the members of this panel have knowledge and experience of the outdoor sector and be aware of the issues at local, national and international levels.
- Membership of panel shall be for a period of 3 years to facilitate a supported and informed rotation.
 - Panel members will have an opportunity to leave or remain at this point
- The panel may seek expert help from time to time (for example legal advice, printing procedures). Such experts may attend panel meetings as required.

Quorum

- The quorum for meeting of the panel shall be fifty percent plus one member.
- A meeting must have quorum to proceed.

¹ The outdoor sector, as referred in this document, is recognised as wide and varied, it includes but is not limited to Outdoor Education, Outdoor Learning, Adventure Education, Learning Outdoors, recreation, physical activity, sport, outdoor based therapies, outdoor based therapeutic interventions, and environment/conservation activities.

Decision Making

- It is desirable that panel attempts to reach consensus on issues requiring decisions.
- If a vote is required, a simple majority will be sufficient to pass any resolution (50% + one member).

Responsibility

- The Editor of Lasmuigh will act as a support and point of contact to the panel. The editor will enjoy the same (no more/no less) input and voting influence as each of the other panel members.
 - The editor or nominated panel member will convene each online meeting with sufficient notice to support full attendance.
 - The editor or nominated panel member will communicate an agenda one week in advance of the meeting and provide any necessary documents.
- Other roles within the panel membership may be suggested and agreed as required – e.g. admin support, PR, etc.
- It is expected that all panel members will act in a professional manner and deliberations will remain confidential.
- It is expected that panel members will adhere to the Lasmuigh Editorial Panel Code of Conduct.

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