



TENI welcomes our new Chief Executive Officer

TENI are delighted to announce the appointment of Tina Kolos Orban as our new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Tina joins us on the 19th of April from Transvanilla Transgender Association, where they currently hold the post of Vice President and Project Manager. Tina has also held the posts of Treasurer and Co-Chair with Transgender Europe, the leading representative trans organisation across Europe and Central Asia.



They were a co-founder of Transvanilla in Hungary in 2011 and have worked at both the European Union and United Nations levels. They also served on the International Trans Fund's Grant Making Panel for 2 years. Tina has over eleven years of experience developing, managing, stabilizing and leading trans advocacy organisations on the national and international level. They are experienced in strategic leadership, community organising, and organisational stability and progression.

Commenting on the appointment, TENI Chair Sara R Phillips said *"We are delighted to announce Tina's appointment as the next Chief Executive Officer of TENI. This follows a comprehensive selection process led by the Board's Hiring Committee. Tina brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in global trans rights. They have worked at the highest level in Hungary and Europe. I first met Tina at the TGEU conference in Dublin in DCU in 2012, and have held them in high regard ever since. TENI are lucky in securing such a dedicated leader who knows both the grass roots community development and organisational responsibilities. There are many up-coming challenges for our community and we believe that Tina is the right person to lead TENI through this phase of our development. I wish Tina all the success in improving the lives of the trans community in Ireland"*.

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Tina commenting on their appointment said *"It is an honour for me to join the team of TENI. I have seen TENI playing a fundamental role in advancing the rights and equality of trans people and their families in Ireland in the past decade. The board and the staff have a lot to be proud of. It is very exciting to get involved in the work for accessible healthcare, education, and employment for all trans people. I believe together we can face the challenges ahead and we can move towards a more inclusive Irish society wherein all corners of Ireland everyone can be their full selves and enjoy the freedoms and opportunities to thrive. I will bring the passion and the commitment needed to firmly serve Irish trans people for whom I strongly believe, only the best can be good enough."*

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