

# ElectricAid

Committee Elections 2026





Benvalla Mlowezi is a Project Engineer with over 3 years at ESB and 6 years in Oil and Gas. Originally from Tanzania, he holds a BSc in Chemical and Process Engineering. Having witnessed the impact of ElectricAid donations in Tanzania, BenValla is eager to contribute to the committee, leveraging his career experiences, cultural background, and commitment to making a positive impact. He aims to promote ElectricAid's good works, foster collaboration, and drive meaningful discussions that benefit the organization and the community.



John is the Emerging Technology and R&D Manager at ESB, collaborating with a diverse array of companies, charities, start-ups, and research groups. With a strong passion for leveraging technology in social enterprises, he serves as an advisor to the Board of EnergyCloud and is a member of the Board of Global Innovators Ireland. John has extensive experience in the energy sector, having held various operational, engineering, commercial, and management roles. His expertise spans retail electricity supply, energy services, electric mobility, sustainability, health, safety, wellbeing, and innovation.



Over the past year, I have contributed through the Membership and Engagement Sub Committee and the 2025 Annual Report, gaining a strong understanding of Electric Aid's work and helping to raise awareness of funding opportunities. I bring long-standing experience in representing colleagues within ESB, along with extensive involvement in the community and voluntary sector. I am currently Chair of the Dublin South City Partnership, supporting initiatives focused on social inclusion and vulnerable communities, and my current role with the Centre of Sustainability focuses on ESB's Net Zero strategy and Just Transition. I would value the opportunity to continue contributing my experience in governance, community development, and equality and inclusion as a member of the Electric Aid Committee.



I have 28 years' experience on the ElectricAid committee and over that time have reviewed and supported the evaluation phase of over 3,000 projects worldwide. My heart has been broken & repaired as projects are approved or not. The projects have taken me into the poorer quarters of our world where clean water, or any water, food, education, basic medical care, women and girls rights and liberty, incomes and so much more do not exist, or are a luxury.



I am a retired senior ESM manager ESB. I became a member of the executive committee of ElectricAid in the mid 1990's after returning from Ghana in 1996. I have served both as ESB's trustee and staff trustee on the committee. I got involved on the committee of ElectricAid because I seen the tremendous work being done, particularly in Africa, by charities supported by ElectricAid. The fantastic support, and funds, that ESB and Eirgrid serving, and retired, staff make through ElectricAid is well recognised by charities worldwide and is a credit to the generosity of staff. I believe that ElectricAid is an important fabric of ESB/Eirgrid culture, as is the generosity of staff to others less well off. I would be honoured to continue as a member of the executive committee of ElectricAid.



Over the past 2 years, I have had the privilege of serving on the ElectricAid committee, with a focus on Insights and Engagement. This role has allowed me to deepen my understanding of ElectricAid and enhance our strategies for meaningful engagement and communication.

I bring 20 years of experience in marketing and communications at ESB, where my career has equipped me with the skills to promote new ElectricAid membership through raising awareness and engaging diverse audiences.

Should I be re-elected, I am passionate about continuing to grow our community of engaged members who are dedicated to making a positive impact.



My name is Timothy Hurley. I joined EirGrid in 2006, and I have been a member of ElectricAid since 2007. I'm proud to be a member of ElectricAid, an organisation that supports the sustainable development of communities at home and abroad and one that is so well run. I joined the ElectricAid Committee in June 2022. I would love the opportunity to continue on the committee, playing my part in supporting ElectricAid itself, helping to maintain and build the ElectricAid/EirGrid relationship, raising awareness and visibility of ElectricAid in EirGrid, and ultimately growing ElectricAid membership in EirGrid.



I'm Sattiki Chaudhuri, currently working as Project Manager in Customer Operational Excellence team in Electric Ireland. My journey of service to community began in 2015, engaging with orphanages, old-age homes, schools, homeless shelters and Blue Cross across India and in Dublin. From recently helping with the Storm Éowyn to reading to children through the "Time to Read" programme, I enjoy helping the community in any way I can. I draw happiness in spreading happiness to the community. I am only 2 years in Electric Aid, and I would love to continue to get more time and opportunities to contribute.



I am passionate about Electric Aid and have recently seen firsthand how funding changes peoples lives around the world. As part of a separate charity, I have worked in Lesotho with the Ministry for Chieftainship and Planning in knowledge sharing with Spatial Planners in Lesotho. Through that I have seen on the ground the amazing difference Electric Aid funds can make in schools in Lesotho by upgrading buildings, water supply and electricity to create a proper learning environment. I have been leading the Evaluation Committee for the past year and in that time have streamlined our evaluation process to ensure Electric Aid money is targeted where it can achieve the best outcomes. I continue to promote Electric Aid as ESBs staff charity and work with the full committee to increase membership.

# Mary Kavanagh



I have had the privilege of being the ElectricAid Evaluation Team Lead and being involved in the evaluation process, and I believe that the experience and knowledge I hold, enables me to evaluate ElectricAid applications and add positively to the ElectricAid committee. I have worked previously within the CSR Team and am knowledgeable about its processes and procedures. I am also involved in the Accessibility Employee Resource Group in ESB, whose purpose is to raise awareness, educate and assist ESB employees to understand the barriers that exist for employees with a disability. On a personal level, I am passionate about the work of ElectricAid and the support it brings to projects at home and abroad and was privileged to be involved in the 2024 Irish Red Cross Corporate Impact Award secured by ElectricAid . I would like to continue my deeply held passion both personally and professionally to continue to contribute to the work of ElectricAid.

# Michael Caron



My name is Michael Caron, and I have been an ESB employee since 2001. I am currently lucky enough to be a member of the ElectricAid Evaluation Team, a position which I believe has given me enough insight and knowledge of the evaluation process to be able to continue to make a meaningful contribution to ElectricAid if given the opportunity. Over the last number of years, I have been fortunate enough to see firsthand the difference ElectricAid can make, because I have been involved in proposing Projects which have been successfully funded by ElectricAid. Through my aunt I have inherited a large interest in charity work, and I am proud to have been able to give something back to ElectricAid through my current role. I have spent my career in Procurement, so I would bring a large governance appreciation to the role. Through the experience I have had in proposing and refereeing Projects, and more recently as a member of the Evaluation Team, I would bring an awareness and appreciation of how ElectricAid functions. I hope I will be given the opportunity to continue to help.

# Vincent Richardson



I joined ESB in summer 2024 as a Change Lead in ITD, bringing over 30 years' experience in technology, including 20 years with global nonprofits and organisations such as the UN, ICC, and World Bank. Previously, I was International CTO for Microsoft Philanthropies, leading global technology strategy for the nonprofit and humanitarian sectors. Before that, as CIO at Concern Worldwide, I drove digital transformation and led ICT4D programmes across complex international operations.

I have also served as Chair of the Board as US nonprofit NetHope and currently chair the Technology and Digital Transformation Advisory Board at GOAL Global, while volunteering as a Trustee Advisor to UK charity Catch22.

My motivation for joining Electric Aid's EXCO comes from a long-standing commitment to underserved communities. I am passionate about applying my experience to deliver cost-effective, sustainable solutions that deliver meaningful, lasting impact.

# Daniel Cummins



I'm Daniel Cummins, a Team Lead within Enterprise Services in ESB. I currently work in the Cyber Security function, where I lead a team focused on delivering secure and reliable services that support the wider organisation. I've built my career in ESB over a number of years, progressing through different roles in Enterprise Services. Along the way, I've gained a strong appreciation for ESB's values and the importance of giving back to our colleagues and communities, especially during challenging times. I'm interested in becoming a committee member for Electric Aid because I strongly believe in the charity's purpose and the positive impact it has. I'd like to contribute my time, energy, and organisational experience to support the work of Electric Aid, while also helping to raise awareness and encourage engagement across the business. I see this as a great opportunity to give back, work collaboratively with colleagues from across ESB, and help make a meaningful difference.