
Enda Connolly, BA



Enda Connolly has held leadership roles in Economic Development, Science, and Innovation in Ireland for over 35 years.

As Chief Executive of the Health Research Board, he led a team of seventy skilled professionals implementing a new business strategy that repositioned Irish health research by introducing innovative funding initiatives which place the emphasis on patient-orientated research and its application into practice.

Previously, as a member of the Executive Team of IDA Ireland, he played a lead role in the development and implementation of three successful corporate strategies. Senior Management responsibilities at IDA included: Manager of Research Strategy, devising and implementing IDA's strategy to attract R&D investment from multi-national corporations; Director North America, based in the US, delivering 250 new investments valued at over €5bn; Manager, International Services, developing the Services Business Sector as an emerging long-term strategic economic opportunity.

Most recently, Enda has worked as a strategic advisor on economic development projects for the governments of Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Currently, he is Chairman of the Board of Beaumont Hospital, a Member of the Board of the RCSI Hospital Group, as well as a Member of the Board of the Health Information and Quality Authority.