

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **IoF announce Dominic Will to join its Board of Trustees**

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The Institute of Fundraising (IoF) has today announced that Dominic Will is joining its Board of Trustees as a co-opted member following a competitive interview process.

His appointment to the IoF Board comes ahead of the planned merger between the IoF and the Public Fundraising Association (PFRA) due to take place at the end of July.

Dominic, joint Managing Director of HOME Fundraising will join the Board at a time when the IoF is providing renewed focus and energy on achieving the highest standards of compliance across the sector. He will reflect the expertise and knowledge of fundraising agencies within the make-up of the IoF's Board.

Speaking about his appointment, Dominic Will said: "It is a privilege to be appointed as a member of the Institute of Fundraising's Board. This is an exciting time for the Institute with the forthcoming merger with the PFRA, but also a challenging time for the wider fundraising community as we move into a new regulatory environment. I'm looking forward to sharing my experience to help the IoF in championing best practice and compliance, in further developing the profession of fundraising, and in giving voice to the fantastic work of fundraisers across the country."

Richard Taylor, Chair of the Institute of Fundraising said: "I warmly welcome Dominic's appointment to the IoF Board. We are delighted to have someone with his years of experience and track record of establishing and managing a leading and respected fundraising agency. Agency partners play an important part in the fundraising environment and I am glad that Dominic will bring this perspective to the Board as we work to lead best practice across the entire fundraising sector."

The boards of both IoF and PFRA have unanimously endorsed the move to a merger as in the best interests of the fundraising community. The move will enshrine best practice at the heart of the IoF's future strategy and provide a range of new compliance services and support for the whole membership. It will also see investment in the IoF's role as the voice of the fundraising community.

This announcement is the first in a series of governance changes designed to reflect the experience and requirements of fundraising agencies within the IoF's future structure. The IoF will also create three new sub-committees of the Board of Trustees, reflecting Door-to-Door Fundraising; Street and Private Site Fundraising; and Telephone Compliance.

A final decision to ratify the merger agreement will take place at the PFRA's AGM on 15th June, with the merger due to be completed by 31st of July.