

John McCormack



John McCormack served as CEO of the Irish Cancer Society between 2002 and 2017. The Irish Cancer Society raises over €22m annually to provide free services for people affected by cancer, to promote cancer prevention and to fund ground-breaking cancer research in Ireland. The Society is 98% self-funding.

Under John's leadership, the Society has lobbied for and supported significant changes in the cancer landscape in Ireland, to improve the lives of cancer patients and others affected by cancer.

The second National Cancer Strategy; the rollout of breast, cervical and bowel cancer screening; the HPV vaccine; the workplace smoking ban are among some of the pivotal developments during John's stewardship. John has overseen the roll out of several key activities in the Society which make a fundamental difference to the lives of those affected by cancer including Daffodil Centres, the Volunteer Driver Service, the We Can Quit programme, X-HALE, and other cancer prevention programmes.

In 1991 John founded the Irish Charities Tax Reform Group, which successfully lobbied for tax relief on charitable donations in Ireland. John has also sat on the boards of Health Research Board, Alcohol Action Ireland, ASH Ireland, Health Research Charities Ireland, IPPOSI and the National Cancer Registry Ireland. John is a Certified Public Accountant and holds an MBA from DCU.

John is married with three grown up children, and lives in Dublin.