



## Press release – May 2026

Tosú is delighted to welcome Professor Nicola Carr as the new chairperson of our Board.

Nicola is the Chair of Social Work and Social Policy at Trinity College Dublin. She has a particular interest in probation, youth justice and criminal justice policy.

She joins Tosú's board at a moment of significant growth and ambition for our organisation.

Sharan Kelly, Tosú CEO extended a warm welcome to our new chairperson. "We look forward to Nicola's leadership, expertise in policy and international perspective which will be of huge benefit to our organisation."

Before moving into academia, Nicola Carr worked as a probation officer – an experience that informs her academic work and her interest in Tosú where our work is grounded in clients' lived experiences of the criminal justice system.

"I'm very impressed by Tosú's strategic focus as well as the organisational reach and ambition across the country," said Nicola Carr. "Tosú's way of working alongside clients has huge value in supporting people on their journeys in employment and education.

Professor Nicola Carr has a commitment to exploring policy in practice and is currently researching community supervision across Europe. She has also published widely on penal policy, rehabilitation and youth justice.

Her work has been supported by the Economic and Social Research Council, the Leverhulme Trust, the Nuffield Foundation, the British Academy and the European Union. She is on the board of the Confederation of European Probation, is a member of the editorial board of the Irish Probation Journal and has edited and authored a number of policy publications that focus on criminal justice systems.

Tosú is very grateful to outgoing Chairperson John Lumsden for his leadership over the past years and his deep commitment to the work of Tosú, first as Director and later as Chairperson.

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