

EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement	
<i>Country</i>	Ireland
<i>Name</i>	Ailish Farragher
<i>Affiliation</i>	Health Research Board, Dublin, Ireland
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	<p>Ailish holds a Bachelor of Arts (English & philosophy) from the University of Scranton, PA., USA., and a Higher Diploma in Information Studies (1999), and a Master's in Information Studies (2012), both from University College, Dublin.</p> <p>Ailish has worked, since 2020, as an information specialist at the Evidence Centre, Health Research Board, Dublin, working within a team of research officers and information specialists. She works as the information specialist on systematic reviews, and other evidence products, as commissioned by the Department of Health. This work directly informs national health and health services policy. With 25 years of experience in specialist libraries, including law, economics, and media, Ailish has a broad understanding of various aspect of librarianship and information delivery in private and public sector settings. An active member of the Health Sciences Libraries Group (HSLG) of the Library Association of Ireland (LAI), Ailish's particular interests are training, knowledge-sharing and promotion, learning from peers, and refining information gathering standards.</p>
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	Ailish is new to EAHIL and is excited to be more involved in such an active group of health information professionals. The cultural and collegiate aspect of EAHIL is especially appealing.
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	To be a liaison between Irish health librarians and information specialists and our European counterparts and to share with EAHIL members developments and learnings from Irish members in a variety of settings (academic, healthcare provision, research).
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2025-2028</i>	<p>The safe and practical use of AI including evaluation, cost, and training users;</p> <p>The ongoing issue of costs, access, and management of electronic resources;</p> <p>Making time for CPD in an increasingly fast-paced workplace.</p>
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	Contributing to a professional health information network through sharing skills, listening, learning, and acting on the needs of our members.

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