

<b>Report on</b>	Conferences, Seminars & Training
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	23 August 2018
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2018-19 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	The following seminar/ conference sessions and member training requests presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
3.1	<b>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members</b>
3.1.1	<b>Conferences &amp; Seminars</b>  <b>RTPI NI Planning Conference – Excellence in the Ordinary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 11 September 2018 Europa Hotel, Belfast</li> <li>Cost £80 + VAT + travel and subsistence (3 places for price of 4)</li> </ul> <b>MILNE Funeral Services – End of Life Care Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 12 September 2018, Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown</li> <li>No conference fee, travel and subsistence</li> </ul> <b>DTNI Community Expo 18: Community Ownership – A movement for Social Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 19 September 2018, Duncairn Centre, Belfast</li> <li>Cost £60 plus travel and subsistence</li> </ul> <b>NILGA Developing a Safe and a Just Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 28 September 10am – 1.30pm, The City Hotel, Derry – Londonderry</li> <li>No conference fee, travel and subsistence</li> </ul>

3.1.2	<b>Member Training Requests</b>  None
3.2	<b>Officer Approvals</b>  There are occasions when it is beneficial to the organisation for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
4.0	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>  Financial:  Costs will be set against Members 2018/2019 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any cost above allowance will be incurred by Member  Human: N/A  Risk Management: N/A
4.2	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>  Equality & Good Relations Implications:  None  Rural Needs Implications:
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Officers Conferences



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2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

**DTNI Community Expo 18:  
Community Ownership – A Movement for Social Change**

Dear Anthony

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you or a colleague to attend the forthcoming DTNI Community Expo at **Duncairn Centre, Belfast; Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Conference will consider and debate action for social change. It will reflect on emerging thinking and practice that is driving local economic development across the UK and present recommendations on what needs to be done to drive change in NI.

Conference will consider how asset-based community development is key to engaging and mobilising civil society.

Delegates will consider the need for legislative change in NI and debate the advancement of a Community Rights framework providing citizens with legal provision:

- to support the transfer of surplus public properties to communities;
- to own land, buildings and other assets;
- to participate in the process to design public services and;
- to challenge for the right to deliver those services to their communities.

The Expo will also celebrate the role of community development activists and how, as social change agents, they facilitate the empowerment of citizens to shape the spaces they live in, challenge the status quo and speak truth to power.

## Keynotes

**Lesley Riddoch** is an award-winning journalist, commentator and broadcaster who writes regularly for the Scotsman, the Sunday Post and Guardian amongst others, and runs her own independent radio and podcast company, Feisty Ltd.

She has recently piloted a documentary series entitled 'NATION' which profiles the small but successful northern European nations neighbouring Scotland.

Lesley will reflect on land reform and community ownership across rural Scotland and consider the lessons therein for social activists in NI.

**Neil McInroy** is the CEO of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies, a Manchester-based think-and-do tank. A leading commentator on economic development he has been involved in public sector policy and delivery for over 25 years.

Neil will present on the NI Charter for Local Economies, a joint initiative between CLES and DTNI which provides a framework for the actions needed to create resilient local economies.

**Sarah Longlands** is Director of IPPR North, the north of England branch of the IPPR progressive think tank. She is an expert in regional and local economic development, place and planning, participative democracy and civil society.

Sarah will present on the work of IPPR North and its critique of social and economic policy across the north of England as well as emerging trends in civil action that are driving change across the UK.

Matthew McKeague is CEO at the Architectural Heritage Fund,

His areas of expertise are regeneration, social enterprise and social impact measurement and his innovative ideas for historic churches, led him to become involved in many high-profile regeneration projects.

Matthew will address the theme of built heritage and the inclusion of local communities as owners of heritage to support sustainable development.

The work of your council is highly relevant to the aims of the conference and we are keen to involve you in these important conversations.

The conference also presents an opportunity for Mid & East Antrim Borough Council to have an exhibition stand.

If you or a colleague would like to attend the Expo either as delegate or exhibitor, please register with Stevie McGirr at [admin@dtni.org.uk](mailto:admin@dtni.org.uk)

Kind regards



CHARLIE FISHER

Programme Manager

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# Northern Ireland Planning Conference *Excellence in the Ordinary*

Delivering quality places for communities is not always about creating world class statement buildings and spaces. Everyday places are important to our communities and businesses. Creating excellence in the ordinary is what planners and the planning system must deliver.

This year's Northern Ireland Planning Conference will explore the creation of strong quality communities.

[www.rtpi.org.uk/northernireland](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/northernireland)

**Tuesday 11  
September  
2018**

**Europa Hotel,  
Belfast**

## Prices

Conference Price: £80.00+VAT - £96.

Discount Rate for RTPI Student, Licentiate or unwaged members - £50+VAT - £60

*Organisations booking 3 places will get a fourth place free (cheapest place is free)*

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# Programme

**Confirmed and invited speakers for the Conference programme are:**

**10.00 Conference Opening**

**Welcome: Judith Winters, Chair RTPI NI**

**Keynote Speech: Katarina Godfrey, (incoming) Permanent Secretary, Department for Infrastructure (invited)**

**Achieving Excellence for the Everyday: Wendy Maden, Design Adviser, Design Commission for Wales**

**Masterplanning – the Birmingham Experience - Birmingham City Council (invited)**

**Victoria Hills, RTPI Chief Executive**

**Planning and the Location of Development: James Harris, RTPI**

**Data driven approaches to urban planning and design – Using experience from Derry/Londonderry in LDP development: Anna Rose, Director, Space Syntax**

**A case study in place making: East Bank, Belfast: Arup**

## Breakout Seminars

**There will be a programme of seminars to select from including:**

**The local plan journey, our practical experience and learning in three simple steps**

**Exploring Hearings**

**Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)**

**A discussion group for Councillors**

**For further information and to book a place go to: [www.rtpi.org.uk/northernireland](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/northernireland)**

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## End of Life Care Conference

**12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**09:15 – 12:30**

**Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown**

This **FREE** half day event is open to all professionals, carers, and relatives involved in the provision of end of life care.

Come along and hear a variety of presentations on this complex topic. Refreshments and an opportunity to network will be provided.

RSVP: by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

Phone: 028 3833 8888

Email : [ianmilne@milnefuneralservices.co.uk](mailto:ianmilne@milnefuneralservices.co.uk)



### Conference Times

registration @ 09:15

closure @ 12:30

### Guest speakers

Dr Sean McGovern

MB BCH FRCSI FRCEM

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Grace Stewart

Head of Children's Hospice Services

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Mr Paul Finnegan

Cruse Bereavement Care NI

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# Save the Date

JOIN US AT

**The City Hotel, Derry-Londonderry**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September | 10.00am – 1.30pm**

NILGA, in association with the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland, invites you to the:

**Developing a Safe and a Just Community** summit to address:

- Tackling paramilitarism and embedding a culture of lawfulness
- Reducing offending
- Working in partnership: Policing & Community Safety within the community planning approach

## Why Attend?

Elected members, council officers and partner agencies are invited to attend and share their ideas on how the partnership relationship between central and local government and partner agencies can be enhanced on justice and community safety issues, how local government can assist in driving delivery of the 'ending the harm' policies, and to consider how to move forward, pre- and post- the 2019 local government election, to further embed community safety in the framework established by the Programme for Government and council-led community planning.

**To reserve your place please contact:**

**Amy McGrath on [a.mcgrath@nilga.org](mailto:a.mcgrath@nilga.org) or call 02890 798972**

**For further information please contact:**

**Karen Smyth on [k.smyth@nilga.org](mailto:k.smyth@nilga.org) or call 02890 798972**



# Developing a Safe and a Just Community

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Draft Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
9.30 – 10.00	Registration and Networking	
10.00 - 10.10	Welcome from the Mayor	Cllr John Boyle
10.10 - 10.25	NILGA Business	Derek McCallan, CEO, NILGA NILGA Office Bearers
10.25 – 10.50	Making our community safer – tackling paramilitarism and embedding a culture of lawfulness	Anthony Harbinson, Director of Safer Communities, DoJ
10.50 – 11.20	<b>Panel Debate</b> Working in partnership to end the harm	Anthony Harbinson, SOLACE rep, PSNI rep, Paul Smyth (Stop the Attacks)
11.20 – 11.30	“Views from the floor”	
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee Break	
11.45 – 12.05	<i>Reducing offending, increasing opportunity</i>	<i>Senior DOJ/Prison service speaker</i>
12.05 – 12.30	<b>Panel Debate</b> Working in Partnership; community planning and PCSPs as key drivers for reducing offending	DoJ rep SOLACE rep PCSP officer Amanda Stewart, CEO NI Policing Board PSNI rep
12.30 – 12.40	Next Steps for PCSPs and councils	Derek McCallan, CEO, NILGA
12.45	Lunch	

## Appendix B

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
RTPI Conference	11th Sept 18	4	Belfast	Yes - 4 for cost of 3