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7th May 2024

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council
Circular Road
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Dear Mr McCreesh

May I on behalf of the Officers of the Somme Association, invite representatives from your Council to attend the services to commemorate the 108th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in France.

A Commemoration Service shall be held at the Ulster Memorial Tower, Thiepval, France, at 14.30hrs on 1st July 2024 and at 16.30hrs at the 16th (Irish) Division Memorial in the village of Guillemont.

For further assistance or if you have any questions, please email me at sommeassociation@btconnect.com

Your Councils attendance would be greatly appreciated and I hope that representatives shall be able to attend.

Yours sincerely

Carol Walker MBE
Director



Trip to the Somme Commemorations - Costs

Cost details to follow but it is anticipated that the average cost per person travelling from Sunday 30 June 2024 and returning on Wednesday 3 July will be £1000 circa.

It is hoped to have more definitive costs next week.

To be noted:

- given the date/time of travel that flights and hotel are booking up very quickly;
- costs are taken from Councillors Individual conference/training/seminar budget, costs incurred in excess of budget are to be met by the member.

Conferences – May 2024

Approval:-Retrospective

Details of Conferences	Service/ Directorate	No. Attending	Cost	Date	Location
Scottish Local Authorities Customer Services Manager's Conference	Organisational Development Strategy & Performance	3	£251.94+ £392.97 (Flights & Accom)	16/5/24	Glasgow
CIEH Housing & Health Conference	Env Health – Bus & Comms	1	£99	22/5/24	Online

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Shaping Sustainable Town Centres	Econ Devlpt Chief Executive's	1	N/a	31/5/24	Dublin
SOCITM NI in partnership with NILGA/DOF	Finance, Legal, Governance & Transformation	2	Free	29/5/24	Belfast
Listowel Writers' Week, Kerry	SHHP Bus & Comms	1	£425 approx. (Travel & Accom)	30/5/24-3 days	Kerry