

APPENDIX A

Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
NILGA & SOLACE Local Government Conference	9.30 am – 4.00 pm 23 February 2023	Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh	£99 + travel and subsistence	



the voice of local government

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Chief Executive
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8th December 2022

Dear Adrian,

The 2023 Local Government Conference will be held on Thursday 23rd February in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh.

The theme for the conference is **“Responding to Future Challenges”** and will focus on how local government should innovate and collaborate across all sectors to achieve its ambitions. The conference programme is available [here](#). Dedicated workshops for councillors and officers will take place on the afternoon of the conference.

This will be the first in person conference for our sector since February 2020 and offers an opportunity for councillors and officers to learn from each other and proactively engage in shaping the strategic direction of the local government sector. We have confirmed participation from some of the most up and coming, expert speakers in their fields, who will challenge us and share their insight into how councils can effectively respond to the challenges ahead.

NILGA and Solace NI encourage councillors and officers from the 11 councils to attend this conference, the main event of the 2023 local government calendar. To support this, we are offering competitively priced tickets at £99 for councillor and officer attendance.

To confirm your council’s places and for further information, please email events@nilga.org.

We are looking forward to a great event!

Yours sincerely

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Roger Wilson
Chair, Solace NI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Allen".

Alison Allen
Chief Executive, NILGA

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The Local Government Conference 2023

“Responding to Future Challenges”

23 February 2023, Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh



9.30 Registration & Networking

10.00 Welcome by NILGA President

10.30 Session 1: Our Future Challenges

10.30 What's ahead for young people

10.40 Our Future Challenges (Kelly Beaver, IPSOS)

11.00 SOLACE Response

11.10 Session 2: Responding to the Challenges

Collaboration & Innovation

11.10 Central & Local Government Collaboration (Jayne Brady, NICS)

11.30 Revolutionising Public Services (Nadira Hussain, SOCITM)

11.45 *Coffee break*

12.15 Panel debate

12.45 Lunch

Culture & Mindset

1.45 Ambitions for the local government sector (Dorinnia Carville, NI Audit Office, invited)

2.05 Entrepreneurial local government (Dominic Campbell, The Institute for Impossible Ideas)

2.25 Case Study

2.45 SOLACE Response

3.00 Launch of Councillor Survey report

3.15 Conference close, NILGA President

3.20 *Coffee break*

3.45 Closed learning sessions for officers & members

