





# AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR 2018

THE HILLGROVE LEISURE & SPA HOTEL MONAGHAN

25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

SEMINAR DINNER WILL BE ADDRESSED BY DAMIEN ENGLISH TD

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.



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# ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR OCTOBER 2018

# THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 SEMINAR OPENING

**9.00am** Registration for Delegates

#### 10.00am Official Opening of Conference by

- Cllr. Luie McEntire, President AILG 2018/19
- Cllr. David Maxwell, Cathaoirleach Monaghan Co. Co.
- Cllr. Brian McKenna, Cathaoirleach Monaghan Municipal District

#### 10.30pm

#### **'BREXIT - THE END GAME'**

Chairman: Cllr. Luie McEntire, President AILG

### 'Brexit - A Border County Fighting Back'

Speaker: Eamon O'Sullivan, Chief Executive Monaghan Co. Co.

# 'Brexit - Implications for our Culture and Heritage'

Speaker: Shirley Clerkin, Heritage Officer, Monaghan County Council.

**Questions & Answers** 

#### 12.30pm LUNCH

#### 2.00pm

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Chairperson: Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Vice President AILG

# 'Brexit - A Business Perspective'

Speaker: Martin McVicar, CEO, Combilift

# 'Brexit - Challenges for our Tourism Industry'

Speaker: Samantha Leslie, Castle Leslie Estate.

#### **Questions & Answers**

# 4.00pm Rooms available for Party Meetings

#### 8.00pm Seminar Dinner

Minister Damien English TD, Minister for Housing and Urban Development will address the Seminar Dinner.

PRE SEMINAR DINNER RECEPTION SEMINAR DINNER

7.30<sup>PM</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 8.00<sup>PM</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

# FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

**9.00am** Registration for Delegates

10.00am 'Local Authorities & Green Public Procurement (GPP)'

Speaker: Bernie Kiely, Assistant PrincipalWaste Policy and Resource Efficiency Division, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment.

11:00am 'Leadership in the Public Square'

Speaker: Cllr. Jimmy Moloney, Listowel Tidy Towns

(National Tidy Towns Winner 2018)

Louise Duffy, Glaslough Tidy Town Committee (National Tidy Towns Tidiest Village 2018)

11.30am "Going The Distance ... Resilience For Elected Representatives."

Speaker: Cllr. Kenneth Egan, Dip. Addiction Studies BA (Hons) Integrative Counselling & Psychotherapy, South Dublin Co. Co. & Olympic Silver Medallist

**Questions & Answers** 

12.30pm CLOSE OF SEMINAR

1pm LUNCH

# SEMINAR SPEAKERS



Cllr. Luie McEntire President AILG 2018/19

As one of the longest serving County Councillors in the country, Luie was first elected as a member of Longford County Council in 1979.

Representing the Granard Electoral Area, Luie is the current Cathaoirleach of Longford County Council having previously held the position of Cathaoirleach in 1986.

Luie, is married to Margaret and has six children. He was elected President of the AILG at its recent AGM on the 19th September 2018 in Mullingar.



**Damien English TD** 

Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development.

Damien English is the Minister for Housing and Urban Development at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. He is a T.D. for the Meath West constituency.

He works closely with his colleague, Minister Eoghan Murphy T.D., in providing political leadership for Government through the implementation of Rebuilding Ireland: An Action Plan

for Housing and Homelessness. As Minister, a main priority is achieving a sustainable housing market through Social, Affordable and Private Homes; for purchase and for rent.

He was previously Minister for Skills, Research and Innovation when he developed the Government's Science Strategy, Innovation 2020, which is keeping Ireland at the forefront of R&D, driving innovation to 2025 and building a pool of world class highly skilled researchers in Ireland. He also drove the expansion of the Apprenticeship system in Ireland and the publication of the National Skills Strategy.



Eamon O'Sullivan

Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council

Eamonn has over thirty-eight years' experience in Local Government. He was appointed as Chief Executive of Monaghan County Council in January 2016.

Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive, Eamonn served previously in Wicklow, Sligo and Kildare County Council. He holds a Masters in Business Administration from Dublin City University (2008), and he participated in the Leadership Programme for Senior Executives in State and Local Government in the Harvard-Kennedy School of Governance in 2015.



## **Shirley Clerkin**

Heritage Officer, Monaghan County Council

Shirley Clerkin joined Monaghan Co. Co. in 2004 and is currently its Heritage Officer with responsibility for the co-ordination of heritage,

including biodiversity programmes, for County Monaghan.

Shirley has led the development and implementation of international and regional projects, including the Black Pigs Dyke project across a number of local authorities and cross-border biodiversity projects with local authority, NGO and academic partners.

She has also organised numerous successful high-profile conferences including the national Wise Use of Wetlands Conference in 2015, and led the Monaghan team to organise the National Famine Commemoration in 2011.

Shirley has MA in Public Management from the Institute of Public Administration.



#### **Martin McVicar**

Managing Director at Combilift

Martin McVicar is Managing Director of a globally successful Irish material handling solutions business based in Co Monaghan.

Martins career in engineering started with a summer job at Moffett Engineering, a

truck-mounted forklift manufacturer. He became Moffett's Chief Engineer before he was 20 and when the company was sold in 1997, Martin set up Combilift together with Robert Moffet.

Combilift is a specialist forklift & straddle carrier manufacturer producing a wide range of customised handling solutions. The company currently employs over 500 people and occupies a brand new, purposebuilt facility spanning 46,500m<sup>2</sup> in Monaghan.

One of Martin's career highlights include been named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the age of just 29.



## Samantha Leslie

Castle Leslie Estate

Sammy Leslie is the proud guardian of Castle Leslie Estate. Sammy took up the reins at the young age of 24, starting up her first business in the form of the tea rooms in the leaky Conservatory of the Castle. Since then, through sheer

dedication, stubbornness and passion, she has restored many of the wonderful buildings on the Estate – opening them up to be enjoyed, filled with life and laughter again and in turn created a sustainable future for the Estate.

Castle Leslie Estate now boasts a variety of ways in which it can be shared and enjoyed, including the magnificent Castle and Pavilion, the charming Hunting Lodge, the self-catering Village Cottages and refurbished Old Stable Mews. Guests can also enjoy a range of activities, including a state-of-the-art Equestrian Centre, a wonderful Victorian Spa and fishing on Glaslough Lake.

Sammy is always interested in exploring new and less obvious ways in which Castle Leslie Estate can reach more diverse audiences, and is at the forefront of forging future plans for the next 100 years of the Estate.



# **Bernie Kiely**

Assistant Principal Waste Policy and Resource Efficiency Division, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment

Bernie Kiely is Assistant Principal, Waste Policy and

Resource Efficiency Division, in the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

Bernie's responsibilities include policy development for a Circular Economy, the Plastics Strategy, Green Public Procurement and Preventing Food Waste. She works closely with the EPA, local authorities and other government departments on a range of issues related to resource efficiency.



# **Cllr. Jimmy Moloney**

Kerry County Council

Jimmy comes from a strong political family. His grandfather, DJ Moloney was a T.D and Senator for Kerry North.

Jimmy was elected to Listowel Town Council in 2009 and served as

Mayor of Listowel in 2013/14. Jimmy was subsequently elected to Kerry County Council in 2014 representing the Listowel Electoral Area and was Cathaoirleach of the Listowel Municipal District in 2015.

Jimmy is very active in his local community and is a members Listowel Rugby Club & Listowel Emmets. Jimmy is also a prominent member of the Listowel Tidy Towns Committee who were recently crowned Overall National Tidy Town Winner 2018



# Cllr. Kenneth Egan

South Dublin Co. Co. & Olympic Silver Medallist, Beijing 2008

Kenneth picked up his first pair of gloves aged 8, but went on to lose his first 3 all-Ireland finals and contemplated retirement at 13 years of age. However, the spark

and self-belief burned away and he went back to his club and proceeded to win 15 Irish titles 10 of them being senior.

Kenneth has represented Ireland in various competitions all over the world and most notably the Beijing Olympic Games 2008. He had been a consistent campaigner and was team captain for those games.

In 2014, Kenneth went into a different fight game when he ran in the local elections. Although very challenging, Kenneth put all of his energy into it and won the seat.

Kenneth has a diploma in Addiction Studies and holds a BA (Hons) in Integrative Counselling & Psychotherapy.

# **ACCOMMODATION DETAILS**

The Hillgrove Hotel Leisure & Spa

Delegate Rates Available:
€99 Twin/Double Room | €79 Single Occupancy

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