

AILG

Association of Irish Local Government
Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann

AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR 2017

SLIGO PARK HOTEL
PEARSE ROAD, SLIGO

12TH & 13TH OCTOBER 2017

SEMINAR DINNER WILL BE ADDRESSED BY JOHN PAUL PHELAN TD
MINISTER OF STATE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTORAL REFORM.

Seminar Fee: €125

REGISTRATION
STARTS

9^{AM} THURSDAY 12TH
& 9^{AM} 13TH OCTOBER
2017



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SEMINAR SPEAKERS 2017



Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

President AILG

Cllr Damien Geoghegan was first elected to Dungarvan Town Council in 1999 and subsequently elected to Waterford Co Council in 2004. He served as Mayor of Dungarvan in 2007 and 2009 and Mayor of Waterford County Council in 2013/14. Damien was also the Cathlaoirleach of Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal in 2014/15 and 2016/17. Damien was a member of the South-East Regional Authority from 2004-2014 and is currently a member of Southern Regional Assembly having served as Chair in 2015/16. Damien was elected President of the AILG on 27th September 2017.



John Paul Phelan TD

Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with special responsibility for Local Government and Electoral Reform.

John Paul Phelan was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with special responsibility for Local Government and Electoral Reform on 20 June 2017. He is a TD in the 32nd Dáil and was a member of a number of Oireachtas Committees, including, Budgetary Oversight (Chair); Petitions; and Budgetary Scrutiny (Chair). John Paul entered local politics in 1999 and served two terms in the Seanad before being elected a TD in 2011. The 38 year-old business graduate is a barrister and was a member of the banking inquiry. Deputy Phelan lives in Ferrybank in South Kilkenny and comes from a farming background.



Niamh Gallagher

Co-Founder & Board member of Women for Election

Niamh is Co-Founder & Board member of Women for Election. Before Women for Election Niamh worked as Research and Policy Analyst at the Children's Rights Alliance in Dublin. Before that Niamh was a researcher at Demos, one of the UK's leading think tanks, where she co-authored a series of influential reports. Niamh also sits on the Steering Group of 'The People's Conversation' a national conversation about citizenship driven by The Wheel, the umbrella body of voluntary organisations in Ireland. She was previously a Board member of 'We the Citizens', a member of the Advisory Council to European Movement Ireland and a member of the Independent Monitoring Board at Pentonville Prison in London. Niamh has been nominated for the Women Mean Business Social Entrepreneur of the Year and the Tatler Social Entrepreneur of the year with Michelle O'Donnell Keating. Niamh holds a Masters Degree in Politics from the London School of Economics, a BA in European Studies from Trinity College Dublin and an Executive MBA from the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business.



Rod King

'20's Plenty for Us' Road Campaign, UK

Rod King started to campaign for lower speed limits in Warrington, UK in 2004. He went on to set up 20's Plenty for Us in 2007 in order to assist others in communities which wanted lower speeds and speed limits. With a focus on the single issue of campaigning for 20mph limits for most roads across a complete local authority, 20's Plenty for Us now has 385+ local campaigns in UK and elsewhere. It works by empowering local campaigns and acting as a catalyst for communities to change their speed limits. It has been influential in government and transport thinking and guidance on the use and benefits of 20mph limits. Rod has also engaged with many of the places implementing wide-area 20mph limits which now include

the majority of the UK's largest 40 urban authorities and 80% of Inner London Boroughs. In June 2013 Rod was awarded an MBE for Services to Road Safety in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Rod has an honours degree in Automobile Engineering and provides his time on a voluntary basis. He has spoken at transport, active travel, road safety and public health conferences around the world. In 2017 he worked with the World Health Organisation on developing a Slow Down Day Toolkit for UN Global Road Safety Week which was used in over 1,000 campaigning events around the world."



David Minton

Director, Northern and Western Regional Assembly

David commenced as Director with the Northern and Western Regional Assembly in September 2016. His vision for the region is simply to connect the existing latent strengths in our economic catchments, sectors, clusters and communities. He has over 15 years' experience working in various sectors from Microfinance in South Sudan with Concern Worldwide to Economic Development in Longford, Offaly and Mayo. David published the first Rural Digital Strategy in Ireland and was a founding member of Digital Mayo. David piloted the first internal incubation hub within Offaly County Council which has now grown to house 29 companies under a brand new €500,000 innovation centre in Tullamore, Offaly. David is also a project team member for the delivery of AquaComms fibre optic cable from Shirley New York to Killala, Co Mayo and Economic Development officer and project manager for €35m Tullamore Dew Distillery project in Tullamore, Offaly. Last year, David launched the Ireland West Trade Centre in Rhode Island, US for small to medium size enterprises exporting product and services.



Paul O'Sullivan

CEO Clann Credo

Paul leads the Clann Credo team in extending its reach and scale of social investment and is passionate about empowerment through local development and sustainable community initiatives. He is a founder member of the Social Enterprise Task Force which advocates for the creation of an enabling environment for social enterprise in Ireland. His expertise in the sector is recognised at both National and European levels: The Minister for Rural & Community Development, recently appointed him to the Steering Group overseeing the research which will underpin the forthcoming National Policy on Social Enterprise. Since 2012, he has served as an Expert on the EU Commission's Expert Group on Social Enterprise (GECES) advising the Commission on Social Enterprise Policy. He also initiated and lead the implementation of the Social Impact Investment pilot which is Ireland's first Social Impact Bond. Paul serves in a voluntary capacity as a non-executive director on the board of The Wheel, an organisation representing the Community and Voluntary Sector; and is chair of the Irish Social Finance Centre.



Roisin Mulligan

Social Finance Officer, Clann Credo

Roisin Mulligan has a strong academic background, fusing her theoretical understanding with proven abilities in supporting the strategic development of social and community enterprise. She has a wide range of expertise, including financial management, community development and enterprise, financial services, and public policy. Roisin is passionate about helping communities to achieve their goals. She combines financial expertise and experience as the Social Finance Officer for the Midlands with her responsibility for Clann Credo's Communications. Her goal is to ensure that every community organisation in Ireland is aware of the availability of community loan finance from Clann Credo, and is committed to raising awareness about the roles that financial planning and strategic use of loan finance can play in community development.



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ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR OCTOBER 2017

THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2017 SEMINAR OPENING

9.00am Registration for Delegates

10.00am **Welcome & Official Opening of Seminar
by Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, President AILG**

- Cllr. Seamus Kilgannon, Cathaoirleach Sligo County Council
- Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive Sligo Co. Co.

BREXIT - 'CONCERNS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT'

Chairman: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, President AILG

11am - 12pm **Brexit - Implications for Ireland and the Border Areas**

Speaker: David Minton, Director, Northern & Western Regional Assembly

12pm - 1pm **Brexit - 'Concerns for Local Government' - Panel Discussion**

Cllr. Padraig McNally, Monaghan Co. Co. & AILG Brexit Policy Group,
Cllr. Peggy Nolan, Longford Co. Co. & AILG Brexit Policy Group,
Cllr. Tom Welby, Galway Co. Co. & AILG Brexit Policy Group,
Davis Minton, Director NWRA .

**Launch of AILG Brexit issues Paper
by Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, President AILG**

1pm - 2pm **LUNCH**

2.15pm - 3pm **National Road Safety Authority's 'Love 30 Campaign'**

Speaker: Rod King - UK '20's Plenty for Us' Campaign

3pm - 4pm **Clann Credo - 'Community Finance for local projects'
- A briefing for Elected Members:**

Speaker: Paul O'Sullivan, CEO Clann Credo &
Roisin Mulligan, Social Finance Officer, Clann Credo

7.30pm **Seminar Dinner**

Seminar Dinner will be addressed by John Paul Phelan TD, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with special responsibility for Local Government and Electoral Reform.

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SEMINAR TIMETABLE FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2017

9.00am Registration for Delegates

Chairman: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, President AILG

10am - 11am **Local Authorities embracing the challenges in Local Economic and Community Development**

Speaker: Dorothy Clarke , Director of Services, Sligo Co. Co. John Reilly, Head of Local Enterprise, Sligo Co. Co. Margaret McConnell, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Enterprise, Sligo Co. Co.

EUROPEAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK – ‘DIVERSITY IN LOCAL DEMOCRACY’

11am - 1pm **Diversity in Local Democracy**

Speaker: Niamh Gallagher, Co-Founder Women for Election

Panel Discussion:

Cllr. Cathy Bennett, Monaghan Co. Co,
Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore, Wicklow Co. Co
and Cllr. Sinead Maguire, Sligo Co. Co.

1pm - 2pm **LUNCH & CLOSE OF SEMINAR**

PRE SEMINAR DINNER RECEPTION

7.00^{PM} 12TH OCTOBER 2017

SEMINAR DINNER

7.30^{PM} 12TH OCTOBER 2017

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club Delegate Rates Available €95 Twin/Double Room €75 Single Room	Pearse Road, Sligo.	(071) 919 0400
Glenvale B&B	Pearse Rd, Cornageeha, Sligo	(071) 911 8080
Park House B&B	Cornageeha, Pearse Road, Sligo	(071) 917 0333
Stradbrook B&B	Pearse Rd, Commons, Sligo	(071) 916 9674
Tree Tops B&B	Cleveragh Rd, Abbeyquarter South, Sligo	(071) 916 2301
Pearse Lodge B&B	Pearse Rd, Abbeyquarter South, Sligo	(071) 916 1090
Lough Gill B&B	Pearse Road, Sligo, County Sligo	(071) 915 0045
Vee Cees B&B	Pearse Road, Sligo, County Sligo	(071) 916 1160