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THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

INISHOWEN GATEWAY HOTEL
BUNCRANA, CO. DONEGAL
5TH & 6TH MAY 2016

Conference Fee: €125

REGISTRATION
STARTS

5PM THURSDAY 5TH
AND
9.00AM FRIDAY 6TH
MAY 2016

CONFERENCE CLASSED AS
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THURSDAY
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‘REVITALISING OUR CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES’

5.00pm Registration for Delegates

7.30pm Welcome Reception to Delegates by Cllr. John Crowe - President AILG

- Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cathaoirleach Donegal County Council
- Cllr. Rena Donaghey, Cathaoirleach Municipal District of Inishowen
- Seamus Neely, Chief Executive Donegal Cork Co. Co.

Official Opening of Conference

Revitalising our Cities, Towns & Villages - Addressing Rural Decline

Speaker: Richard Curran - Journalist, Broadcaster & Author. Former deputy editor of the Sunday Business Post.

Hot Buffet Dinner for Delegates



Cllr. John Crowe President AILG

Cllr. John Crowe is a member of Clare County Council and current President of the AILG. From Sixmilebridge in Clare, John was first elected to Clare Co. Co. in 1999 and represents the Shannon Municipal District.

John was Cathaoirleach of Clare Co. Co.

in 2014/15 and has served on a wide variety of local government bodies at local, county and national levels.

John was elected President of the AILG in March 2016 and is proprietor the Centra Foodstore in Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare.



Richard Curran Journalist, Broadcaster & Author

Richard Curran is a journalist, broadcaster and author. A former deputy editor of The Sunday Business Post, he currently writes for the Sunday Independent and Irish Independent. Richard has been a business journalist for 20 years and is a regular presenter on business and economic

affairs on radio. He has made a number of documentaries for RTE Television including Future Shock Property Crash in 2007, and a documentary on the collapse of Irish Nationwide Building Society earlier this year. He also co-wrote a book on Irish Nationwide. Richard is a former business correspondent with RTÉ News. Richard recently presented an RTE documentary looking at the decline in rural Ireland titled 'The Battle for Rural Ireland'



Seamus Neely Chief Executive, Donegal County Council

Chief Executive of Donegal County Council, Seamus started his public service career with Donegal County Council before moving to various roles in Cavan and Monaghan Urban District Councils, followed by ten years at Cavan County

Council. He returned to Donegal County Council in late 2008 as a Director of Service. He took up his current role in June 2010. He has a keen interest in the development of the economy of County Donegal, in particular through best use of its natural assets and the promotion of micro enterprise. He holds an honours degree in Business Studies from the University of Ulster and an MBA from Dublin City University. He is currently the Chairman of Donegal Tourism Ltd.

FRIDAY 'REVITALISING OUR CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES'

6TH May 2016 **Chairman: Cllr. John Crowe, President AILG**

9am Registration for Delegates

10am - 10.45am Revitalising our Cities, Towns & Villages - Role of the Local Authority

Speaker: Seamus Neely, - Chief Executive Donegal County Council

**10.45am - 11.30am Revitalising our Cities, Towns & Villages
- Proper Planning for our Cities, Town & Village Centres**

Speaker: Mary Hughes BA MSc Town Planning Dip. EIA/SEA, Immediate Past-President of the Irish Planning Institute 2014/2016

**11.30am - 12.15pm Revitalising our Cities, Towns & Villages
- Village/Town Design & Protecting our Historical Centres**

Speaker: Colm Murray, Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council

12.15pm - 1.00pm Questions & Answers

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm - 3.30pm Panel Discussion - Change to Framing AILG Policy on Revitalising our Cities, Towns & Villages

Panel Participants consisting of AILG Delegates & Elected Members with an Independent Chair

3.30pm - 4pm Buncrana RNLI - Acknowledgement & Presentation

7.30pm Conference Dinner

CONFERENCE DINNER 7.30 PM FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2016



Mary Hughes BA MSc Town Planning Dip. EIA/SEA, Immediate Past-President of the Irish Planning Institute 2014/2016

With 20 years' experience in planning, Mary spent her formative years working for different planning authorities throughout

Ireland. In 2002 she left the public sector and became Associate Director of an international transport and planning consultancy before establishing HRA Planning in 2005 with Gary Rowan.

Mary provides expert planning services to both public and private sector clients throughout Ireland and was President of the Irish Planning Institute (IPI) between 2014 and January 2016.

Mary's principal areas of expertise include; Planning policy and formulation of development plans and area framework strategies for local government and semi-state bodies, urban regeneration and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and planning management of development projects including retail planning (strategy and impact assessment); Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA); property asset appraisal; judicial planning issues and CPO matters.

Mary has also worked with a number of business sectors in promoting and advancing town centre strategies and management and has substantial expertise in the area of waste management,

recycling and renewable energy industries.

Mary Hughes was part of the An Bord Pleanála review group who's findings and recommendations on the Planning Appeals body were published in March 2016 by the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government. Mary has also sat on the steering group which coordinated the preparation of the Local Authority Renewable Energy Guidelines prepared by SEAI.

During her IPI Presidency, Mary represented the views of the Country's professional planners on all media platforms including RTE's 'Primetime' and 'Drivetime' programmes, and Today FM's Last Word.



**Colm Murray
Architecture Officer Irish
Heritage Council**

Colm is the Architecture Officer of the Heritage Council in Ireland, with qualifications in architecture, planning and building conservation. His current policy work areas include the heritage-led urban regeneration, the development of

traditional building skills training provision, and the role of values in conservation decision-making. He has extensive experience of the practicalities of building and urban conservation through the grant-giving and policy-advocacy role with the Heritage Council.



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Caldra House	074 - 9363703	Lake of Shadows Hotel	074 - 9361005
Lisadell B&B	074 - 9362617	Harbour Inn Hotel	074 - 9321810
Westbrook House B&B	074 - 9361067	Town Clock B&B	074 - 9362146