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**2019**

# AILG Activity Report

2014 - 2019

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Association of Irish Local Government  
Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann



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## AILG 2014 - 2019 **ACTIVITY REPORT**

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## MESSAGE FROM AILG OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Since the inaugural AGM of the AILG in July 2014, it seemed a long way away to the local elections on 24th May last and yet we find it hard to believe how that time has flown. The past 5 years have been the most intense in the 120 year history of the Member's Representative Bodies.

The AILG, though still relatively new, has in a short space of time, become an effective voice for the 949 elected members in our local government system. The last number of years has seen the association grow into a truly representative and support body for its members, delivering on areas including member training, policy development and better terms and conditions. To this end may we pay tribute to all of our Past Presidents and Executive Committees, whose experience and steady hands, helped to guide the association over the last 5 year term.

As Councillors, we have a long history and involvement in local government and we all have great respect for the contribution of the elected members in our democratic local government system. The elected members, through our association, are fundamental stakeholders in our local government system and it is vital that their voice is heard on issues at all times.

This AILG Activity Report will help to give you an overview of the Association's work over the last 5 years, including our campaign for improved remuneration, terms and conditions for all Elected Members, policy & research development, training & education and networking & communications. We are honoured with the opportunity to continue to lead the AILG to ensure that the association delivers for you.

Finally may we wish all the members the very best over this new council term and we pledge that the AILG will continue to work in a cohesive way across all party lines and in the spirit of co-operation, to ensure that the Elected Members are always at the centre of our local government system in Ireland.

## AILG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2018 - 2019

*Front L to R:*

*Cllr Paddy Bourke; Cllr. Tom Farrell;  
Cllr. Luie McEntire, President AILG; Cllr.  
Damien Geoghegan, Past-President; Cllr.  
Gobnait Moynihan; Cllr. Liam Callaghan.*

*Rear L to R:*

*Mr Liam Kenny, Director,  
Cllr. Gerry McMonagle; Cllr. Mary Hanna  
Hourigan, Vice-President AILG; Cllr. Joe  
Fox; Cllr. Pip Breen; Cllr. Paschal McEvoy;  
Cllr. Anne Colgan; Cllr. Damien Ryan;  
Mr. Tom Moylan, Co-Director AILG.*



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## AILG STRUCTURES & RESOURCES

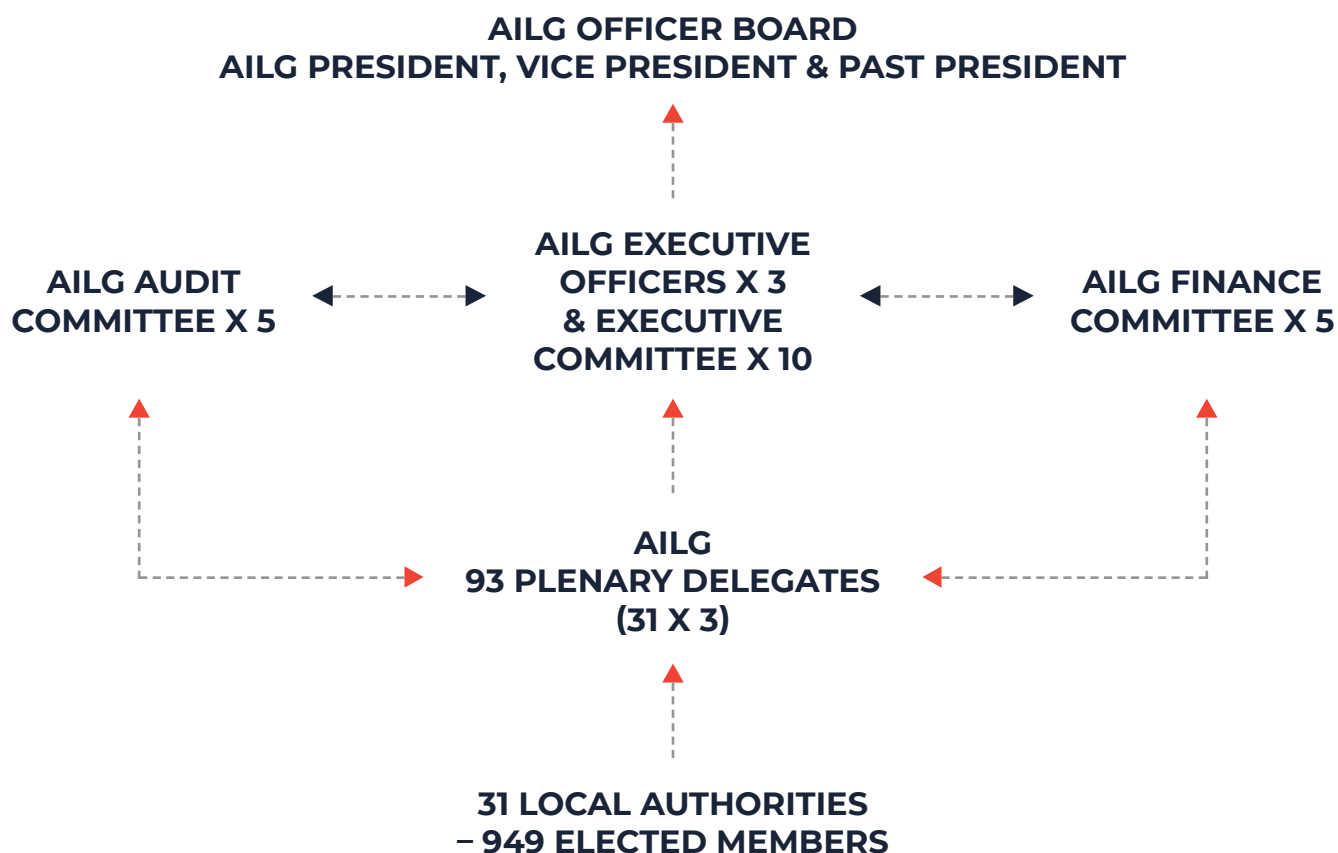
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### AILG ORGANISATIONAL CHART

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## AILG PRESIDENTS

### 2014 - 2019

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Cllr. Padraig McNally  
2014 / 2015



Cllr. Colm Brophy  
2015 / 2016



Cllr. John Crowe  
2015 / 2016



Cllr. Pat Daly  
2016 / 2017



Cllr. Damien Geoghegan  
2017 / 2018



Cllr. Luie McEntire  
2018 / 2019

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## AILG DIRECTORS MESSAGE

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Liam  
Kenny  
**Director**



Tommy  
Moylan  
**Co-Director**

It gives us great pleasure to report on the AILG's (Association of Irish Local Government) activities for the last council term 2014-2019.

The Association of Irish Local Government is the primary body representing the democratically elected members and their member local authority. The AILG is a networking, policy development and training resource for the elected members of Ireland's thirty-one County and City Councils. The Association works with our delegates in each of the councils to help develop a sense of collegiality among the elected members who serve the public in a variety of local government settings, ranging from urban to suburban and rural. Through regular interaction with other stakeholders in the local government environment, the AILG aims to ensure that the contribution of Ireland's democratically elected Councillors is appreciated in Government Departments and throughout the full range of public agencies.

Our mission statement as an Association is, *"To support our members as elected members in their role as board members of the local government units in the State."*

During the course of the last five years it has been the association's priority that councillors' voices would be listened to and accepted by national politicians, the department or indeed our council executives and that the days of being side-lined would be over. It has been our objective that a re-balancing has to take place and that as Councillors, our members are re-asserting their authority.

With the help of the Association's Officers, Executive Committee and Delegates, we have instigated an intensive lobbying campaign over the course of the last five years to ensure that the voice of the local councillor is put back into the heart of local government. We are continuously involved in an intensive schedule of meetings, briefings and events as we seek to have the voice of the Association heard in fora where policy is being made which is of relevance to local government.

As we celebrate the 120th Anniversary of Local Government in Ireland, the AILG and its predecessor associations have worked tirelessly to develop, support, and give a voice to Ireland's Local Authority Elected Members, helping them to respond to massive changes and challenges that have taken place in local government. We will continue to progress towards fulfilling our vision of a thriving local government system in Ireland with the Elected Members at its centre, serving and delivering for the public.

*Tommy Moylan & Liam Kenny*  
**Directors AILG**

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## AILG MEETINGS SUMMARY 2015 – 2018

The AILG works with our delegates in each of the 31 Local Authorities, to help develop a sense of collegiality among the elected members who serve the public in a variety of local government settings ranging from urban to suburban and rural. Through regular interaction with our delegate members, the wider body of Councillors and other stakeholders in the local government environment, the AILG aims to ensure that the contribution of Ireland's democratically elected Councillors is appreciated in Government Departments and throughout the full range of public agencies.

We are continuously involved in an intensive schedule of meetings, deputations, briefings and events as we seek to have the voice of the Association heard in fora where policy is being made which is of relevance to local government.



The AILG Plenary Delegates meeting held on the 31st January 2019, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

*Below is a summary of the annual number of meetings, deputations and events for the period 2015 - 2018.*

AILG Meeting Type	2015	2016	2017	2018
Plenary	5	7	6	6
Executive Cttee Incl. Exec Sub Cttee's	18	17	15	21
Finance Cttee	9	5	5	5
Audit Cttee	6	5	5	5
DHPLG & Govt Agencies	7	3	4	3
Deputations & Oireachtas Cttee's	3	5	6	5
LAMA/CCMA/NILGA/NAC NI	3	1	2	7
Conference & Seminar	2	2	2	2
Training days	18	19	18	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>72</b>



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## SERVICE DELIVERY IN NUMBERS

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Delivering a professional service to the full body of 949 Elected Members is the cornerstone of the work of the AILG. One of the key functions of the AILG is to ensure that elected members receive appropriate and relevant training, information and skills as they govern Irish local authorities currently and into the future.

The AILG has continuous engagement and interaction with our members over a wide variety of events to ensure that our members are supported in their important role as members of their local authority and representatives of their communities.

On over 2,750 occasions per annum, the AILG delivers a service to our Elected Members which ensures that they are equipped with the necessary knowledge, information and tools to be effected local Councillors.

<i><b>AILG Event Type</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>	<i><b>2016</b></i>	<i><b>2017</b></i>	<i><b>2018</b></i>
Training Day Attendance	1,346	1,332	1,452	1,456
Annual Conference	281	332	329	352
Autumn Seminar	316	317	313	301
Plenary Meetings	327	430	397	360
Executive Meetings	216	204	195	252
Other Cttee's	140	95	110	125
<b>Total Service Delivery</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>2,846</b>

## Remembering 1916

*AILG Plenary Delegates from all thirty-one local authorities in the State gathered in to commemorate the Easter Rising in Dublin City Hall, 28th April 2016.*



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## AILG OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS & DELEGATES

2014 - 2019

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*The inaugural AGM of the AILG took place on the 9th July 2014 in Croke Park, Dublin.*

*The meeting took place in the magnificent and iconic surrounds of Croke Park, a symbol of the strong ties to the county structure in Ireland which is the prominent feature of our local authorities.*

*This inaugural AGM launched the AILG as a strong and successful organisation that would represent the voice of Councillors at the highest level.*



#### *AILG Inaugural AGM*

*Pictured at the AILG Inaugural AGM, Croke Park in July 2014 were Liam Kenny, Director AILG, Cllr. Padraig McNally President AILG 2014/15, Mr. Tom Ryan, Director AILG.*



#### **AILG Executive Committee 2015 - 2015**

*Cllr. Padraig McNally, President 2014/15; Cllr. Colm Brophy, Vice President 2014/15; Cllr. Peter McVitty, Immediate Past President; Cllr. Pat Daly; Cllr. Mark Dalton; Cllr. Sinead Guckian; Cllr. Aidan Davitt; Cllr. Peter Feeney; Cllr. Damien Geoghegan; Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan; Cllr. Christy Hyland; Cllr. Grainne Maguire; Cllr. Cathy Bennett.*

*Mr. Liam Kenny, Director AILG; Mr. Tom Ryan, Director AILG.*



## AILG Executive Committee 2015 - 2016

*Front Row:* Cllrs Patrick McGowan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Colm Brophy (Pres.), Pat Daly (Vice-Pres.), Padraig McNally (Past Pres.).

*Back Row:* Liam Kenny, Director; Cllrs Nicholas Crossan, Michael Hourigan, Luie McEntire, Terry O'Flaherty, John Crowe, Pat Hand; Tom Moylan, Co-Director.

*Inserts:* Cllr. Rosaleen O'Grady & Cllr. Dermot Lacey.



Cllr. Pat Daly, President AILG 2016/2017 welcomes guest speakers and contributors to the AILG Annual Conference, Ennis April 2017.

Pat McDonagh, Managing Director, Supermacs, Fr. Harry Bohan, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare & Pat Dowling - Chief Executive Clare County Council.



Tipperary Co. Co. Members, Cllr. Michael Anglim, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr. John Hogan & Cllr. Kieran Bourke enjoying the AILG Annual Conference in Longford, February 2019.



*Photo top right*

AILG Members meet with Party Leaders & Party Spokespersons to lobby for improved remuneration, terms and conditions for Elected Members, February 2018.

AILG Delegates meet with Micheál Martin TD including Cllr. Eamon Alyward, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, President AILG 2017/2018, Micheál Martin TD, Cllr. Luie McEntire, Cllr. Danny Owens.



*AILG delegation meeting Leo Varadkar TD, then Minister for Social Protection in May 2016, to secure improvements to the PRSI Class paid by Local Authority Elected Members. Delegation members included Cllrs Pat Daly, Eithne Loftus, Minister Leo Varadkar TD, Cllr John Crowe (President AILG 2015/2016), Cllrs Padraig McNally & Michael Hourigan.*



*Association of Irish Local Government – National Executive Committee – visit to Longford County Council, 2nd March 2017.*

*Front L to R:*

*Cllr Peggy Nolan; Cllr Pat Daly, President, AILG; Mr Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive, Longford Co.Co., Cllr Damien Geoghegan, Vice Pres., AILG.*

*Rear L to R:*

*Mr Tom Moylan & Mr Liam Kenny, AILG Office: Cllrs Paul Taylor, Mattie Ryan, Tom Welby, Noel Cribbin, Jimmy Moloney, Padraig Conneely, John Joe Fennelly, Denis Foley, John Crowe.*



*Photo top left*

Attending the AILG Autumn Training Seminar, Sligo, October 2017 were Mr. Ciaran Hayes Chief Executive, Sligo Co. Co., Cllr. Damien Ryan, Mayo Co. Co. & Cllr. Padraig Connelly, Galway City Co.

*Photo top right*

## **AILG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017 - 2018**

*Front L to R:*

Cllr. Pat Daly, Cllr. Luie McEntire, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, AILG President 2017/2018, Liam Kenny, Director, Cllr. Eamon Alyward.

*Rear L to R:*

Cllr. Shane P. O'Reilly, Cllr. Guss O'Connell, Cllr. Conor Keelan, Cllr. Eddie Moran, Cllr. Danny Owens, Cllr. Brian Lawlor, Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen, Tom Moylan, Director AILG.

*Photos bottom L to R:*

AILG Executive Delegation meeting with party spokespersons for improved remuneration, terms & conditions, February 2018.







*Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, AILG President 2017/2018 welcomes Minister Eoghan Murphy TD to the AILG Annual Conference, April 2018.*



*Cllr. Pat Daly, AILG President 2016/2017 makes a presentation to Minister Simon Coveney at the AILG Autumn Seminar, October 2016.*



*President Michael D. Higgins welcomes Cllr. Luie McEntire, President AILG, to Áras an Uachtaráin on 25th March 2019 to mark the 120th Anniversary of the first County Council Elections in Ireland.*



*Photo top right*

*Commemorative Plaque marking the 120th Anniversary of the first County Council Elections presented to President Michael D Higgins, 25th March 2019.*

*L to R: Tom Moylan Director AILG, Liam Kenny Director AILG, President Michael D Higgins, Cllr. Luie McEntire President AILG, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Vice-President AILG & Cllr. Damien Geoghegan Past President AILG.*





*AILG Executive Members at Cork Co. Co., County Hall, Cork, April 2019.*

*Back Row L to R: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. Joe Fox, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, Liam Kenny, Cllr. Damien Ryan*

*Front Row L to R: Cllr. Tom Farrell, Cllr. Luie McEntire, President AILG 2018/2019, Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan.*

*AILG Delegation meet with Minister Kevin Humphries TD, Minister of State at the Department of Social Protection in relation to Members PRSI Class Contributions.*

*Cllr. Sinead Guckian, Sen. Denis Landy, Minister Kevin Humphries TD, Cllr. Padraig McNally, President AILG 2014/2015.*

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## IN MEMORIAM

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It is with great sadness that a number of Councillors elected in 2014 have sadly went to their eternal reward during the last council term, including three of our member delegates, Cllr. Joe Reilly, Cllr. John Carey and Cllr. Willie Kennedy.

Our thoughts and prayers are always with their families, friends and council colleagues.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.*



Cllr Joe Reilly

**AILG Delegate**  
**Meath County Council**

**RIP June 2018**

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Cllr John Carey

**AILG Delegate**  
**Waterford City & County Council**

**RIP September 2018**

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Cllr Willie Kennedy

**AILG Delegate**  
**Tipperary County Council**

**RIP March 2016**

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*Cllr Joe Reilly*

*Cllr. Joe Reilly in attendance at the AILG Annual Conference in Ennis, April 2017 along with Cllr. Brian McKenna & Cllr. Pat Treanor, Monaghan Co. Co.*



*Cllr John Carey*

*Cllr. John Carey in attendance at the AILG 2018 Annual Conference in Dungarvan, with his Waterford City & Co. Co. colleagues Cllr. John O'Leary and Cllr. Jason Murphy.*



*Cllr. John Carey attending the inaugural AGM of the AILG on 9th July 2014 in Croke Park along with Cllr. John Joe Fennelly, Cllr. Gerry Horkan and Cllr. John O'Leary.*



## AILG ELECTED MEMBER **TRAINING PROGRAMME**

One of the key functions of the AILG is to ensure that elected members receive appropriate and relevant training and development as they govern Irish local authorities currently and into the future. Since 2014, 6 modules of training and development have successfully been delivered on an annual basis by the AILG.

The AILG's "Elected Members Training Programme" delivers appropriate training across a wide range of local authority functions and related activities. Members who have attended the training modules will know that the training days are for the purpose of giving Elected Members the required knowledge of all local authority functions, from the best people available, to enable them to be effective Local Public Representatives.

Our training programme is delivered on a regional basis in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with speakers being made available from across various government departments, agencies and local authorities. However, we also try to include speakers from our own body of Elected Members who have the appropriate experience and expertise.

### AILG "ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING PROGRAMME" ANALYSIS 2015 **MODULES 1 - 6 | FEB - NOV 2015**

Module	Date	Subject	Speakers
Module 1	Feb 2015	<i>Governance Part 1</i>	Dr. Philip Byrne IPA Constance Hanniffy Sean McLoughlin DoECLG
Module 2	April 2015	<i>Local Economic Development</i>	Sean O'Riordan Niall Cussen DoECLG Cllr. Gerry Horkan DLR Co. Co.
Module 3	May 2015	<i>Local Community Development</i>	Donal Enright DoECLG Jetty Murphy Pobal Cllr. Christy Curtin Clare Co. Co.
Module 4	June 2015	<i>Local Authority Finance &amp; Housing</i>	Jimmy Dalton & John Hallahan – Dir. Of Finance Fiona Quinn, Rory O'Leary & Sinead Kehoe DoECLG Damien Allen, Nina Murray - DoECLG & Donal McManus- CEO ICSH
Module 5	Oct 2015	<i>Roads, Transportation &amp; Safety – A Key Function for Local Authorities</i>	Dominic Mullaney Dept of Transport Cllr. Damian Geoghegan WCC Aiden Weir, Henry Ritchie & Shay O'Connor Senior Roads Engineers
Module 6	Nov 2015	<i>Ground Water, Drinking Water, Surface Water, Septic Tanks &amp; Water Pollution and Registration of Lobbying Act 2014</i>	Darragh Page, Matthew Craig & Margaret Keegan EPA Ms Sherry Perrault, Head of Lobbying Regulation, Standards in Public Office Darragh Page, Matthew Craig & Margaret Keegan EPA Ms Sherry Perrault, Head of Lobbying Regulation, Standards in Public Office

Please note that all training presentations can be accessed on your website at [www.ailg.ie](http://www.ailg.ie)

## AILG 'IN SERVICE' MEMBER TRAINING ANALYSIS 2016 MODULES 1 - 6 | FEB - NOV 2016



*Liam Scott, Heritage Officer with the National Heritage Council delivers a presentation on Local Authority Heritage Services as part of the 2016 Module 2 AILG Training Programme, May 2016.*

Module	Date	Subject	Speakers
Module 1	Feb 2016	<b>Local Authority Safety Services – Road Safety, Fire Safety &amp; Water Safety</b>	Dave Carroll, Chief Fire Officer, Tipperary Co. Co. Declan Keogh, Road Safety Officer, Kildare Co. Co. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan, Irish Water Safety Council
Module 2	May 2016	<b>Local Authority Cultural Services – Library Services, Arts Services &amp; Heritage Services</b>	Liam Scott, Heritage Council & LA Heritage Officers County Librarians – Brendan Martin, Bridget Loughlin, Tommy Connors, Damien Brady Cllr. Sinead Guckian Leitrim Co. Co.
Module 3	June 2016	<b>Local Authority Planning</b>	Colm Ryan & Niamh Drew, DoECLG Brendan O'Sullivan MIPI, UCC. Ciaran Tracey FIPI, former Senior Planner Leitrim Co. Co.
Module 4	Sept 2016	<b>Local Authority Housing &amp; National Action Plan for Housing July 2016</b>	Niall Cussen, David Walsh & Aidan O'Reilly, Dept of Housing Paula Kenny & Kevin Ryan ICSH Jack Keyes & Aisling Costelloe, Age Friendly Ireland
Module 5	Oct 2016	<b>National &amp; Local Emergency Planning – A Briefing for Elected Members</b>	Keith Leonard - National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management Cahir O'Byrne, Emergency Management Officer, Fingal Co. Co./Dan McInerney, CE Carlow Co. Co. Anthony Graham & Brian Sweeney, Civil Defence
Module 6	Nov 2016	<b>Regional Assemblies &amp; EU Funding Sources available to Local Authorities. Housing Misc Provisions Bill 2016</b>	Stephen Blair, Jim Conway & David Minton, Directors Regional Assemblies Brendan O'Sullivan, UCC & Ciaran Tracey FIPI, Senior Planners

## AILG 'IN SERVICE' MEMBER TRAINING ANALYSIS 2017 MODULES 1 - 6 | FEB - NOV 2017

AILG Members with course presenters Mr. Sean Hogan, Director of the National Fire & Emergency Management Directorate and Dr Gerald Fleming, Head of Forecasting Met Eireann, AILG 2017 Training Module 6, November 2017.

Rear L to R:

Liam Kenny, Sean Hogan, Dr. Gerald Fleming, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan AILG President 2017/2018, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Tom Moylan.



Module	Date	Subject	Speakers
Module 1	Feb 2017	<b>National Planning Framework Ireland 2040 - A Briefing for Elected Members</b>	Paul Hogan, Alma Walsh, Colm McCoy & Niall Cussen NPF Project Managers & Planning Advisers NPF, DHPLG Denis Kelly, Ass/Director NWRA, Liam McGree, Ass/ Director Southern Assembly & Malachy Bradley, Assistant Director EMRA
Module 2	May 2017	<b>From Plans to Action - A Briefing for Elected Members on Community Development initiatives - Urban and Rural</b>	Ms Deirdre Kelly & Ms Mary Byrne, Rural Schemes Unit, Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Regional & Rural Affairs Ms Clodagh McDonnell, Social Inclusion & Communities Unit, DHPCLG
Module 3	June 2017	<b>Commercial Rates, Rating Law, Valuations and Revaluations – A Briefing for Elected Members</b>	David Kelly, Local Government Finance Paul Lemass, Asst. Secretary, DHPLG John O'Sullivan, Commissioner of Valuation, Declan Lavelle, Head of Valuation Services Terry Fahey, Managing Valuer, Valuation Office
Module 4	Sept 2017	<b>Elected Member Mental Health &amp; Well-being</b>	Cllr Pío Smith, Ba(Hons) Psychology, Cllr Breda Gardner, Kilkenny Co. Co., Cllr. Shane P. O'Reilly, Cavan Co. Co. Cllr. Jason Murphy, Waterford City & Co. Co.
Module 5	Oct 2017	<b>National Public Library Strategy 2018-2022</b>	Paul Geraghty, Libraries Development, DRCD Eileen Davey, Libraries Development DRCD Donal Tinney & Mary Stuart, County Librarian's
Module 6	Nov 2017	<b>Co-ordination of Weather Emergencies at National &amp; Local Level</b>	Mr Sean Hogan, Director of the National Fire & Emergency Management Directorate Dr Gerald Fleming, Met Eireann Gerard Murphy, Met Eireann

## AILG 'IN SERVICE' MEMBER TRAINING ANALYSIS 2018 MODULES 1 - 6 | FEB - NOV 2018



*Eamon Gallen, General Manager Irish Water delivers a presentation at the 2018 Module 3 Training Day on Irish Water and a Single Public Water Utility, June 2018.*

Module	Date	Subject	Speakers
Module 1	Feb 2018	<i>Councillors &amp; Journalists – How best to convey your message as a member of your Council through the media</i>	Peter O'Connell, Journalist & Lecturer in Journalism, UL Denise Canavan, Producer "Shannonside Northern Sound" radio
Module 2	May 2018	<i>'Councillors &amp; Community Safety' – Joint Policing Committees and Presentation on "Use your Brain Not your Fists" Project (Leitrim Co. Co./Comhairle na nOg)</i>	Clr Mary Howard, Chair, Clare Co. Co. JPC & Clr. Al McDonnell, PC and Chair, Mayo JPC Chief Supt. John Kerin & Supt. Joe McKenna, Ms Siofra Kilcullen, Mayo Co. Co. & Leonard Cleary, Clare Co. Co. Mr Pat Forde, North Connacht Youth Services, Mr Martin Donoghue, Comhairle na nOg Ms. Suzanne Duffy, Leitrim County Council
Module 3	June 2018	<i>Irish Water and a Single Public Water Utility</i>	Eamon Gallen, John Dempsey, John O'Donoghue, Peter Gallagher, Duane O'Brien, Maeve Bourke – Irish Water
Module 4	Sept 2018	<i>Briefing for Elected Members on On-Line Planning and Building Control Management System</i>	Brian Beck, Senior Planner & Martin Reilly, Project Manager ePlanning Project, Mairead Phelan, Project Manager NBCMP
Module 5	Oct 2018	<i>Local Authority Finance &amp; Budgeting, Budget Preparation and key decisions for the Elected Members in the Budget Process &amp; A Briefing on the Elected Members Gratuity Scheme</i>	Tom Moylan & Liam Kenny, Directors AILG
Module 6	Nov 2018	<i>GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation and The Elected Member</i>	Kieran Mongan, MD KM Security Consulting

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## AILG 'IN SERVICE' MEMBER TRAINING ANALYSIS 2015 - 2018

### ATTENDANCE ANALYSIS

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On an annual basis an average of 1,400 Elected Members attended our AILG Training Days.



Module	2015 Attendance	2016 Attendance	2017 Attendance	2018 Attendance
Module 1	212	163	278	267
Module 2	203	216	259	239
Module 3	250	257	256	265
Module 4	246	242	239	225
Module 5	208	232	190	220
Module 6	227	214	230	240
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>1,456</b>



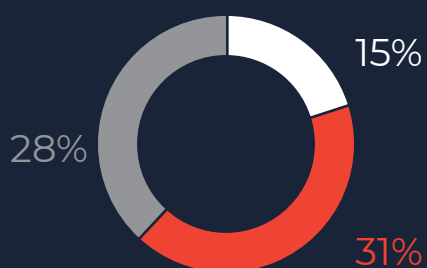
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## OVERALL ATTENDANCE 2015 - 2018

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Overall Attendance 2015 - 2018



- Midland, Eastern & Dublin Region
- Southern Region
- Boarder & Western Region

*2016 Module 2 training presenters on Local Authority Cultural Services.*

*L to R:*

*Cllr. Sinead Guckian, Cllr. John Crowe, President AILG, Brendan Martin, Wicklow County Librarian, Bridget Loughlin, Kildare Co. Co. Heritage Officer, Liam Kenny, Liam Scott, Heritage Council.*



*AILG Training Module on Local Authority Planning including a briefing on the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2015 & Planning and Development Bill 2016 and the Office of the Planning Regulator and the National Planning Framework - June 2016.*

*L to R:*

*Cllr. Fergal Curtin, Cathaoirleach Cavan Co. Co., Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive Cavan Co. Co., Colm Ryan, DHPLG Senior Advisor, Forward Planning and Cllr. Shane P.O'Reilly, AILG Executive.*



*AILG Training Module on Emergency Planning - Nov 2017*

*L to R:*

*Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Dr. Gerald Fleming, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, President AILG, Sean Hogan.*





*Photo top right*

*AILG course presenters on the Local Government Rates Bill 2018 on Commercial Rates, Rating Law, Valuations and Revaluations - June 2017.*

*L to R:*

*Tom Moylan, AILG, Cllr. Jimmy Moloney, Cllr. Denis Foley, Cllr. Pat Daly, President AILG, John O'Sullivan, Commissioner of Valuation, Mr. David Kelly, Asst. Secretary Local Government Finance and Terry Fahey, Managing Valuer, Valuation Office.*



*Photo bottom left*

*Cllr. Luie McEntire, President AILG 2018/2019 with Evelyn Cusack, Head of Forecasting with Met Eireann at the AILG Training Day - March 2019.*



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## AILG ANNUAL CONFERENCES & AUTUMN SEMINARS

### **CONFERENCE & SEMINAR SPEAKERS**

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The AILG also holds two annual national training events including our Annual Conference and Autumn Seminar. These two events are also useful resources for all Elected Members to be briefed on important local government issues. Contributors to these events include:

- Paul Lemass – Asst Secretary, DHPLG
- Dr Aodh Quinlivan - UCC
- Richard Curran – Journalist & Broadcaster
- Colm Murray – Heritage Council
- Brian Farrell – RSA
- Pat McDonagh – MD Supermacs
- Pat Spillane – Footballer & Journalist
- Niamh Gallagher – Women for Election
- David Minton – NWRA
- Paul O'Sullivan – CEO Clann Credo
- John Treacy – CE Sport Ireland
- Maire Seo Breathnach – Udaras na Gaeltachta
- Martin McVicar – CEO Combilift
- Sammy Leslie – Castle Leslie Estate
- Cllr. Kenneth Egan – Olympic Silver Medallist
- Cathal Ryan – Asst Commissioner DPO
- Anne Heraty – CEO Cpl Resources
- Daragh Feighery – General Manager Center Parcs Longford



*Photo top*

*Cllr. Luie McEntire, President AILG makes a presentation to Cathal Ryan, Assistant Commissioner, Data Protection Commission following his address to delegates at the AILG Annual Conference in Longford - February 2019.*

*Photo middle right*

*Panel Speakers at the 2015 AILG Autumn Seminar  
L to R: Cllr. Gerry Horkan, Sen., Denis Landy, Cllr. Colm Brophy, President AILG 2015/2016, Sen. Cait Keane, Sen. Gerard Caughwell.*

*Photo middle left*

*Cllr. Luie McEntire with Cllr. Kenneth Egan, South Dublin Co. Co. at the Autumn Seminar, October 2018.*

*Photo bottom left*

*L to R: Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. Sinead Guckian and Cllr. Rosaleen O'Grady - Panel speakers, Autumn Seminar, October 2015.*

*AILG celebrates the 120th Anniversary at its Annual Conference - February 2019.*

*AILG President Cllr. Luie McEntire & Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Vice-President AILG welcome Seán Ó Fearghail TD, Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann, who addressed the AILG Conference Dinner marking the 120th Anniversary.*



*Panel speakers at the opening of the AILG Annual Conference - May 2016*

*Cllr. Martin McDermott, Leas-Cathaoirleach Municipal District of Inishowen, Richard Curran, Journalist & Broadcaster, Cllr. John Crowe, President AILG 2015/2016, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cathaoirleach Donegal County Council and Seamus Neely, Chief Executive Donegal Cork Co. Co.*



*Pat Spillane, All-Ireland Footballer and Broadcaster, addresses the AILG Annual Conference, April 2017 on Rural Development.*



*Photo top right*

*Delegates in attendance at the 2018 AILG Annual Conference include Cllr. Pat Nugent, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, President AILG 2017/2018, Cllr. Luis McEntire and John Treacy, Chief Executive Sport Ireland.*





*Delegates in attendance at the AILG Annual Conference April 2018 - Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.*

*L to R:*

*Cllr. Guss O'Connell and Cllr. Vicki Casserly, South Dublin Co. Co. and Cllr. Oliver Tully, Louth Co. Co.*

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*Delegates in attendance at the 2018 AILG Annual Conference with Minister Eoghan Murphy, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government include Cllr. John Crowe, Cllr. Pat Day and Cllr. James Breen.*

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## POLICY & RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, LOBBYING & CAMPAIGN FOR IMPROVED TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

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One of the main priorities of the AILG is to continuously develop policy on local government areas that are important to our Elected Members. The Association has had consultation inputs on a wide variety of areas including Coastal Planning, Flooding, Governance & Ethics, Housing, Planning, Emergency Planning, Brexit, Irish Water, Roads, and GDPR

Another important feature of this work is involved in scrutinising national legislation and government policy on local government including:

- I. Public Sector Standards Bill
- II. Planning & Development Amendment Act

III. Local Government Rates Bill

IV. Directly Elected Mayors

V. Local Authority Leadership, Governance and Administration

VI. National Planning Framework – including ongoing engagement with Local Government Section DHPLG

As part of our policy work the AILG also appears before various Oireachtas committees in relation to areas such as Public Sector Standards Bill, Local Government Finance, LA Housing & Planning & Development Amendment Act.

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## FULL RECORD OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES REGISTERED WITH LOBBYING REGULATOR INCLUDING;

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- Seeking clarity regarding Programme for Government measures on local government reform
- Proposing amendment to the Planning and Development (Housing) Bill, 2016 so that Councillors would be consulted
- Pressing for reclassification of Councillors so as to open eligibility for social insurance benefits
- Proposing that offices of all public representatives be treated equally for valuation purposes
- Lobbying for improved support for local authority elected members
- Pressing Minister for Public Expenditure regarding improved channels of communication between Councillors and Government agencies
- Proposing provision for appropriately trained Fire Service personnel to respond to local medical/cardiac emergencies



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## POLICY DEVELOPMENT

# CAMPAIGN FOR IMPROVED TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

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Improved remuneration for all Elected Members has been the number one priority for the AILG over the last number of years. Following the 2014 reforms it soon became very evident that all Elected Members were facing an increased workload in their role as elected members of their local authorities.

The AILG were successful in 2017 in gaining changes to the PRSI status for our members, which means that our members are now entitled to a number social welfare benefits on the payment of PRSI on their representational payment. We were also successful in securing the additional Municipal District/Area Allowance of €1,000 per annum, which was also introduced in 2017.

However, we are more than aware that these improvements go no where near far enough in order to provide an appropriate remuneration package for our members. To this end we were supportive of the establishment of the independent Moorhead review of both the role and remuneration of local authority members. The AILG submitted a detailed submission to this review in September 2018, which clearly set out a viable pathway going forward for an appropriate remuneration and support structure for our elected members in order for them to carry out their important role as members of their local authority.

Ms. Moorhead's final report is due to be delivered to Minister John Paul Phelan TD in the summer of 2019, with a firm commitment made by Minister Phelan that any recommendations for improvements to members remuneration that may be contained in the report, and if accepted and approved by government, will be backdated to 1st June 2019 which is the start date of this new council term.

A full summary of our actions and activities as part of our campaign for improved remuneration, terms and conditions for our Elected Members are as follows:

- July 2015 - AILG National Survey on Workload of Elected Members
- Numerous delegations & lobbying days with Ministers, Opposition Party Leaders, Party Spoke-persons, TDs & Senators to lobby for improved terms & conditions for members
- Delegation to full meeting of FF Parliamentary Party on Members remuneration
- Introduction of new MD/Area Allowance of €1,000 gross per annum since 1st July 2017
- Successful in gaining a re-classification of PRSI Contribution payable on members representational payment from CLASS K to Class S ensuring some social welfare benefits now applicable to Elected Members
- Lobbied for the set up of an independent review of Councillors Remuneration, Terms & Conditions
- Independent review on the Role & Remuneration of Local Authority Elected Members by Ms. Sara Moorhead SC, commenced in June 2018.
- AILG's comprehensive submission to this review on the Role & Remuneration of Elected Members published in September 2018.
- Moorhead Interim Report published in December 2018
- Final Report due to be published by Summer 2019.

*AILG Delegation meet with  
Minister John Paul Phelan TD  
- July 2017*

*L to R:*

*Cllr. Padraig Conneely, Cllr. Pat  
Daly, President AILG 2016/2017,  
Minister John Paul Phelan TD,  
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cllr.  
Peggy Nolan*



*Minister Simon Coveney TD  
addresses delegates at the  
AILG Annual Conference  
- April 2017.*

*L to R:*

*Sen. Denis O'Donovan,  
Cathaoirleach of Seanad  
Éireann, Cllr. Pat Daly,  
President AILG 2016/2017,  
Minister Simon Coveney TD,  
Tom Moylan, AILG Director,  
Minister Pat Breen TD.*



*AILG deputation to Minister  
Simon Coveney TD  
- February 2017.*



*Photo top right*

*Cllr. Pat Daly, President AILG 2016/2017 along  
with Cllr. Mick Cahill, Longford Co. Co. meet  
with An Taoiseach Enda Kenny - January 2017.*



AILG President Cllr. Damien Geoghegan and AILG Vice President Cllr. Luie McEntire deliver the AILG submission on the Role and Remuneration of Local Authority Elected Members, to officials at the DHPLG, Mr. Diarmuid O'Leary and Mr. Gary McGuinn - September 2018.



AILG President Cllr. Pat Daly and other AILG members meet with Minister Heather Humphries TD, at the launch of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development (Realising our Rural Potential) - January 2017.



*AILG Delegation with  
Party Leaders and Party  
Spokespersons on Members  
Remuneration - February 2018.*



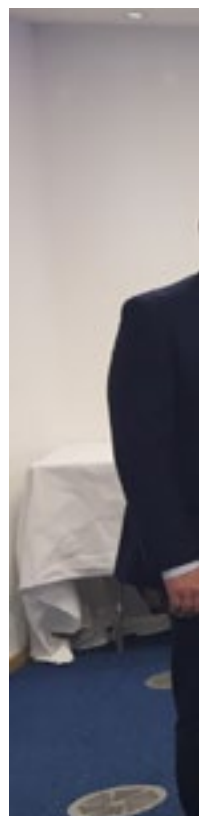
*AILG appearance before  
the Oireachtas Committee  
on Housing, Planning and  
Local Government  
- December 2016.*

*L to R:*

*Liam Kenny, Director AILG, Cllr.  
Paul Taylor, Cllr. Pat Daly, Cllr.  
Damien Geoghegan, Sen. Denis  
Landy, Cllr. John Crowe, Tom  
Moylan, Director AILG.*



*AILG delegation meet with  
the CCMA (County and City  
Management Association -  
Chief Executives Association)  
- May 2017.*





*Photo top*

*AILG Panel speakers at the National "Politics needs Women" Conference, December 2018.*

*Cllr. Sinead Guckian (Leitrim Co. Co.), Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan (Tipperary Co. Co.) and Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan (Cork Co. Co.) with Ms. Alison O'Connor and Liam Kenny, Director AILG.*

*Photo bottom*

*AILG Vice President Cllr. Luie McEntire and AILG Members address the Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party in Leinster House on Local Government Issues - April 2018.*





*Photo top*

*Joint AILG & LAMA Delegation with Minister Simon Coveney - February 2017.*

*Photo bottom*

*AILG President, Cllr. Luie McEntire and LAMA General Secretary, Cllr. Bobby O'Connell lead a delegation with Minister John Paul Phelan TD, to discuss the Interim Report on the Review of the Role and Remuneration of Local Authority Elected Members by Ms. Sara Moorhead SC. - January 2019.*

# NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION FOR COUNCILLORS

AALG also have a full contact database for all 949 elected members and we maintain a high level of communication with elected members with regular email bulletins, training information & presentations, newsletters and printed conference/seminar brochures.

Visitor traffic to our website ([www.ailg.ie](http://www.ailg.ie)) has significantly increased year by year. Our website is also increasingly being used as a valuable training tool for our members. All of our training material including all course presentations can be accessed on our website.

**A Date For Your Diary**  
**11th & 12th September 2019**

**AILG**  
 Association of Irish Local Government  
 Aontas Eithne Áisiúil na hÉireann

**AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR 2019**  
 Hillgrove Hotel, Old Armagh Road, Monaghan

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The Hillgrove Hotel Leisure & Spa, Monaghan  
<http://hillgrovehotel.com> | [info@hillgrovehotel.com](mailto:info@hillgrovehotel.com)

Seminar to commence with registration at 5pm and official opening of 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th September.  
 Seminar Dinner to take place at 8pm on Thursday 12th September.

The Hillgrove Hotel Leisure & Spa, Old Armagh Road, Monaghan, Co Monaghan, H18 RK15		(0471 81 288)
<b>Delegate Rates Available:</b> €79 Single Occupancy / €89 per Room (Double/Twin)		
Applhugh Guest House	37 Dublin St., Monaghan	(0471 81 227)
Green Lodge B&B	Old Armagh Road, Latturcan, Monaghan	(0471 84 470)
Weststar & Anna Hotel	The Diamond, Monaghan	(0471 84 600)
Four Seasons Hotel & Leisure Club	Coolshannagh, Monaghan	(0471 71 988)
The Meadows B&B	No 5 Tickenham, Monaghan	(0471 81 227)

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LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
ACCESSIBLE  
TO ALL

Submission on the Role  
and Remuneration of Local  
Authority Elected Members  
28 September 2018

AILG  
Association of British Local Government  
Incorporating the Local Government Association

A Date For Your Diary

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**AILG**  
Association of Irish Local Government  
Aitheas Rialaithe Áireall na hÉireann

**AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR 2017**  
Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo

**REGISTRATION  
STARTS**

9.30—THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup>  
6.30—FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2019

**CONFERENCE CLASS**

**AS A TRAINING EVENT FOR  
PURPOSES OF PAYMENT**

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**AUTUMN TRAINING  
SEMINAR 2017**

**SLIGO PARK HOTEL  
PEARSE ROAD, SLIGO**

**12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> 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: €**

**REGISTRATION  
STARTS**  
9<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
& 9<sup>TH</sup> 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
2017

**SEMINAR CLASSES  
AS A TRAINING EVENT  
PURPOSES OF PAYMENT**

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## ADMINISTRATION, COMPLIANCE & ACCOUNTING **ACCOUNTS, INTERNAL CONTROLS & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

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- The Association maintains the highest standards in Compliance, Accounts, Internal Controls & Corporate Governance.
- The Association has both a Finance Committee and an Audit Committee which review all financial, internal controls and governance matters on a regular basis and report to the Association's AGM.
- The AILG engages a professional external firm of accountants who complete the Association's Financial Accounts which are subsequently audited by the Local Government Auditor.
- The AILG upholds the highest standards in ethics and corporate governance that is rightly expected from a public body.

<i>Transaction Type</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
Total No. of Accounting Transactions	1,047	989	1,254	1,196
Total No. Sales Invoices processed	402	467	483	454
Total No. Cheque Payments processed	205	176	142	154
Sales Receipts processed	176	183	194	197
DD/SO Payments processed	234	192	185	201
Payments processed	728	735	722	681
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,883</b>



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## CONGRESS OF LOCAL & REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN EUROPE (C.L.R.A.E)

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The AILG Office provides the Secretariat to the Irish local government delegation to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Four Irish Councillors nominated for a four-year term attend the bi-annual meetings of the Congress of Local & Regional Authorities in Europe (CLRAE) which is the local government tier of the Council of Europe. There they meet in the Chamber of Local Authorities with representatives from all 47 member states of the Council of Europe. They discuss issues and concerns relating to local democracy and the protection of democracy itself. There is an emphasis on issues to do with the participation of minority groups including migrants in all facets of local democracy.

The reference document is the European Charter of Local Self-Government which has been formally signed and ratified by Ireland. The Irish delegates also take part in meetings of the three major committees of the Congress: Monitoring, Governance and Current Affairs. In addition the Irish delegates have been sought after to participate in democracy development projects especially for women in local government in the emerging democracies of the Balkan States.

The Irish Delegation for the period 2016-2020 comprises of: Cllrs Pat McGowan (Head of Delegation), Rosaleen O'Grady (Deputy Head), Mary Hanna Hourigan and John Crowe. The Secretary to the Delegation is Liam Kenny, Director AILG.



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## GENERAL REPRESENTATION TO MEMBERS (HELP, ADVICE & GUIDANCE)

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- AILG provide general help, advice and guidance to elected members on aspects of local government law, powers and responsibilities of elected members
- AILG works with other bodies on mutual areas of interest for local authority members including
  - » LAMA
  - » CCMA
  - » DHPLG & other government depts/agencies
  - » NILGA/NAC NI
- AILG represents the general body of councillors on other bodies including UDC Governing Body, Bravery awards etc.



*Cllr. Damien Geoghegan in attendance at the Bravery Awards - September 2018.*



*At the joint AILG/NILGA Brexit Meeting, Newry - May 2017*

*L to R:*

*Mr Tom Moylan, Co-Director, AILG; Cllr Sean McPeake, President, NILGA; Cllr Pat Daly, President, AILG; Ms Joan Martin, CE, Louth County Council; Ms Pamela Arthurs, CE, East Border Region; Cllr Damien Geoghegan, Vice President, AILG; Mr Fearghal Reidy, LGMA; and Mr Derek McCallan, CEO, NILGA.*



*Photo top right*

*AILG Autumn Seminar October 2018 - Panel speakers on diversity and gender in local government*

*L to R: Cllr. Mary Hegarty, Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore, Niamh Gallagher, Women in Politics, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cllr. Marie Casserly, Cllr. Cathy Bennett.*

*Photo bottom left*

*AILG delegation meeting with the CCMA, AILG Offices Maynooth, January 2018.*

*Photo bottom right*

*AILG Director, Tom Moylan, meets with Minister Shane Ross, February 2018.*

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