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ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE 2022

THE INISHOWEN GATEWAY HOTEL
Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal

23RD & 24TH March 2022

MINISTER PETER BURKE TD, MINISTER FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING WILL BE IN
ATTENDANCE AND WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE
CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH

Conference fee €155

REGISTRATION STARTS

5.00pm Wednesday 23rd
& 9.30am Thursday 24th
March 2022

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Wednesday 23rd March 2022 - *Conference Opening*

- 5.00pm** Registration for Delegates
- 7.00pm** Official Opening and Welcome Reception to Delegates by
Cllr. Nicholas Crossan, President AILG 2021/22
Cllr. Nick Killian, Vice-President AILG 2021/22
Cllr. Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach Donegal Co. Co.
John G McLaughlin, Chief Executive Donegal Co. Co.
- 7.30pm** **Guest Speaker – Minister Peter Burke TD**, Minister for Local Government and Planning
- 8.00pm** Hot Buffet Dinner for Delegates

Thursday 24th March 2022 - *Morning Session*

- 9.00am** Registration for Delegates
- 10.00am** Conference Session 1
“Town Centre First – Local Authorities Championing the Local Economic Recovery Post Covid-19”
Chairperson: Cllr. Nicholas Crossan, President AILG 2021/22

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- Speakers:** Ciaran Mullooly – Former RTE Broadcaster and Social Enterprise Officer
Eunan Quinn – Senior Planner,
Donegal County Council
Anne Marie Conlon – Head of Economic Development,
Donegal County Council

Panel Discussion and Questions and Answers

- 12.30pm** **Lunch**

Thursday 24th March 2022 - Afternoon Session

2.15pm Conference Session 2

“The 21st Century Councillor in Local Government” - A Joint Research Project between AILG and Maynooth MU”

Chairperson: Cllr. Nick Killian, Vice President AILG 2021/22

Speakers: Caroline Creamer – Director of the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD) Maynooth MU

Brendan O’Keeffe – Geographer, Analyst and Social Researcher

4.00pm Rooms available for Party Meetings

7.30pm Pre-Conference Dinner Reception

8.00pm Conference Dinner

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Cllr. Nicholas Crossan
President AILG 2021/22

Donegal County Councillor Nicholas Crossan became the first Independent elected member to hold the position of AILG President when he was elected

President of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) at the AGM on 30 September 2021. The Buncrana native, who is also a past president of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland (AMAI) represents the Municipal District of Inishowen.



Peter Burke TD
Minister for Local Government and Planning

Peter Burke was appointed Minister of State for Local Government and Planning in July 2020. He hails from Mullingar and

was elected to the Dáil in 2016, having being involved in electoral politics since 2009 when he was first elected to Westmeath County Council. Before being appointed to the Department of Housing, he sat on the Oireachtas Finance and Public Accounts Committees & was a frequent media commentator on tax and financial issues.

Since his appointment, he has worked on projects including the implementation of the Moorhead report, legislation for a democratically elected Mayor for Limerick, maternity leave for female Councillors, updating of the SEA guidelines, the County Development Plan guidelines, rural housing guidelines and planning legislation involving Judicial Review, the Maritime Area Planning Act and the Attorney General’s planning review.



Ciaran Mullooly
Former RTE Broadcaster and Social Enterprise Officer

A former journalist & correspondent with RTE News, Ciaran Mullooly is a Community Development & Social

Enterprise Worker with Roscommon LEADER partnership. He is the founder of the award-winning Lough Ree Access For All social enterprise project – providing access to the waterways of the midlands for people with disability and mobility issues on a specially designed boat from Ballyleague, county Roscommon.



Eunan Quinn
Senior Planner, Donegal Co.Co

Eunan Quinn is senior planner at Donegal County Council having graduated from Queen’s University

Belfast’s School of the Built Environment in 1990. Eunan is an active member of the Irish Planning Institute, having previously served on its national executive, and has a MSC in Innovation Management in the Public Service (jointly conferred by Ulster University & Letterkenny Institute of Technology).



Anne Marie Conlon
*Head of Economic Development,
 Donegal County Council*

Anne Marie Conlon is the Head of Economic Development and has worked in local government since

2006 in Donegal County Council. Ms. Conlon spent a number of years working with the Donegal County Development Board in the area of Economic, Tourism and Community development. Amongst many projects, Anne Marie is focused on embedding Donegal County Council's Remote Working Strategy that will see the county making the most of the benefits that the growth in remote working is bringing to Donegal.



Caroline Creamer
*Director of the International
 Centre for Local and Regional
 Development (ICLRD)*

Ms. Caroline Creamer is Director of the International Centre for

Local and Regional Development (ICLRD) and a Research Fellow with the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) at Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute.

A qualified town planner, Caroline has for the past 18 years worked in a research and management capacity on a number of EU funded projects in the areas of urban regeneration, spatial planning, multi-level governance and community participation.



Cllr. Nick Killian
Vice President AILG 2021/22

Cllr. Nick Killian is an Independent Community Councillor and Peace Commissioner for the Municipal District of Ratoath.

Re-elected for the 5th time May 2019, Cllr. Killian has been a founding member for some of the most successful initiatives in Ratoath including Men's shed, Ratoath College, Ratoath Community Centre and Ratoath Independent Living Initiative - a 12 unit apartment Complex situated at Steeplechase in Ratoath for disabled people to lead and live independent living.



Brendan O'Keeffe
*Geographer, Analyst and Social
 Researcher*

Dr Brendan O'Keeffe is Director of O'Keeffe & Associates and senior Research Associate with ICLRDR. He

holds a PhD in Geography from Maynooth University and has served as Director of Quality and a Lecturer in Human Geography in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.

Brendan has contributed to several ICLRDR projects, and has been particularly active in examining models and practices in other European countries in respect of cross-border collaboration, governance and local development. Brendan is actively involved with several community and voluntary organisations, and is a strong advocate of bottom-up and community-led local development.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal		(074) 936 1144
Delegate Rates Available: €75 Single Occupancy / €89 Per Room (Double/Twin)		
Lake of Shadows Hotel	info@lakeofshadows.ie	(074) 936 1005
Westbrook House B&B	mgwest@eircom.net	(074) 936 1067
The Harbour Inn	info@harbourinn.ie	(074) 932 1810
Caldra B&B	caldrabuncrana@gmail.com	(074) 936 3703
Town Clock B&B	info@townclock.ie	(074) 93 62146
Wild Atlantic Wanderer Air Bnb	www.wildatlanticwanderer.com	086 8599995