



Association of Irish Local Government – AILG

Introduction to AILG

Role, Remit and Service Delivery of AILG

Origins of the Association- founded 1899 (125 years)

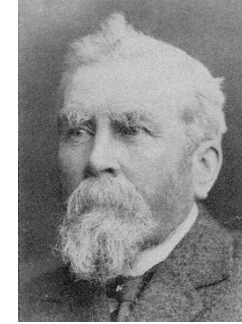
GCCC - 1899
(General Council of
County Councils)



ACCC - 2007
(Association of County
and City Councils)



AILG (Association of Irish Local Government) - 2014
(Local Government Reform Act 2014)



Thomas Grattan Esmonde, Wexford Co. Co. ; Jn Sweetman, Meath

AMAI - 1912
(Association of Municipal
Authorities of Ireland)



Mission Statement

*“The AILG is a national representative body that proudly represents and supports local democracy. **We the elected Councillors** provide a strong voice for local communities through effective local government”*

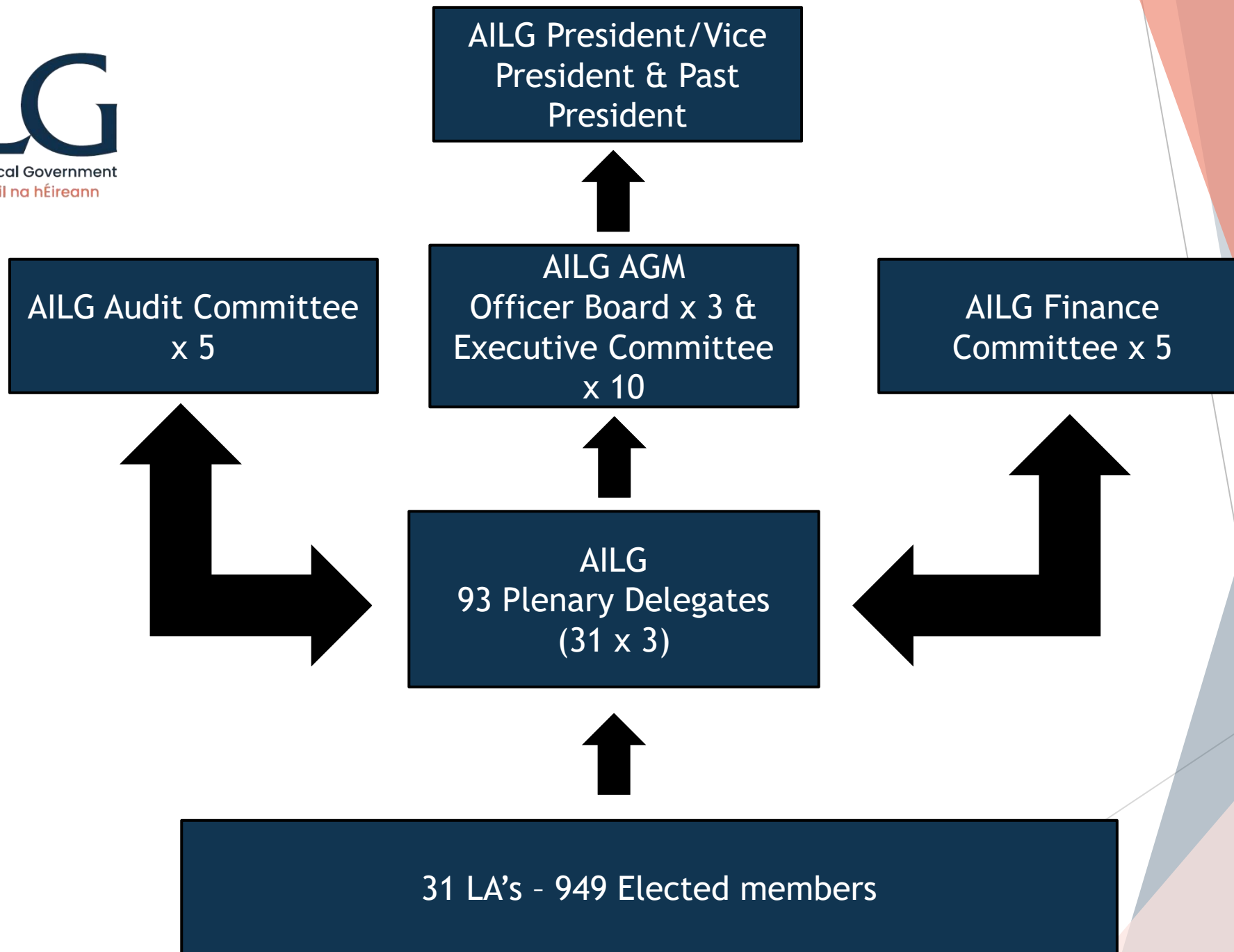
Goals of the Association

- ☐ The goal of the Association is to represent the collective interests of the Elected Members of the Local Authorities which constitute its membership.

- ☐ As a representative voice of local government in Ireland, the Association aims to;
 - a) to protect and support democratic local government
 - b) promote democratic leadership of our Elected Councillors and our Elected Councils
 - c) to promote the welfare and good government of the people of Ireland

AILG

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Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann





Cllr. Gail Dunne, President AILG 2023/2024



Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick , Immediate Past President AILG



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AILG Executive Committee 2023/24



Meet the AILG Team



Liam Kenny
AILG DIRECTOR

Liam Kenny is a strong advocate for the heritage of local democracy which has roots in the first County Council elections of 1899. He has spoken and written widely on how Ireland's pioneering County Councillors created a legacy which has benefited the Irish public to the present day. Liam has been Director of the Association of Irish Local Government and its predecessors for twenty-three years.



Tommy Moylan
AILG DIRECTOR

Tommy is a qualified accountant by profession and has a wide range of experience in local government having served as a public representative for 15 years. Tommy was a member of the working group for engagement with Local Authority Representative Associations working with the Department of Environment Community & Local Government on Local Government policy in relation to the Local Government Reform Act 2014. In July 2015, following a national recruitment process he was appointed co-director of the AILG.



Elaine Lynch
AILG COMMUNICATIONS & OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Elaine has a wide range of experience in Events, Sales & Marketing and the Tourism and Hospitality sector which has given her varied skills and the ability to work with many different types of people and build long lasting relationships with internal & external stakeholders. Elaine worked for Diageo at the Guinness Storehouse for the past 5 years prior to joining the AILG team in July 2020.

AILG Remit

- ☐ The Association carries out activities to represent the collective interests of the Elected Members of the local authorities which constitute its membership, including;
 - a) the undertaking of policy development and research,
 - b) the promotion and delivery of education and training,
 - c) the provision of policy support and assessment of public policy on matters relating to local government,
 - d) the provision of advice and the making of submissions to the Minister(s) or other public authorities as regards such matters
- ☐ Obtain the views of our member Councils and Councillors on all issues of concern to them and provide a forum for discussion of these issues.
- ☐ Provide a range of cost-effective services to Elected Members in accordance with their requirements, , including training and education, policy development, the dissemination of accurate and timely information on all local government financial, policy, legislative, service oriented and democratic issues.
- ☐ Ensure that Elected Councillors receive appropriate and relevant training and development
- ☐ Promote and encourage wider diverse participation and increase engagement at local government level

AILG Funding

How the AILG is funded:

- Annual Subscription from the 31 Member Councils approved in autumn by the AILG Plenary Body
- Income from fees for Annual Conference and In-Person Events
- Minor income from other sources
- All spending is monitored by:
 - AILG Finance Committee
 - AILG Audit Committee
 - Chartered Accountants
 - Local Government Audit Service

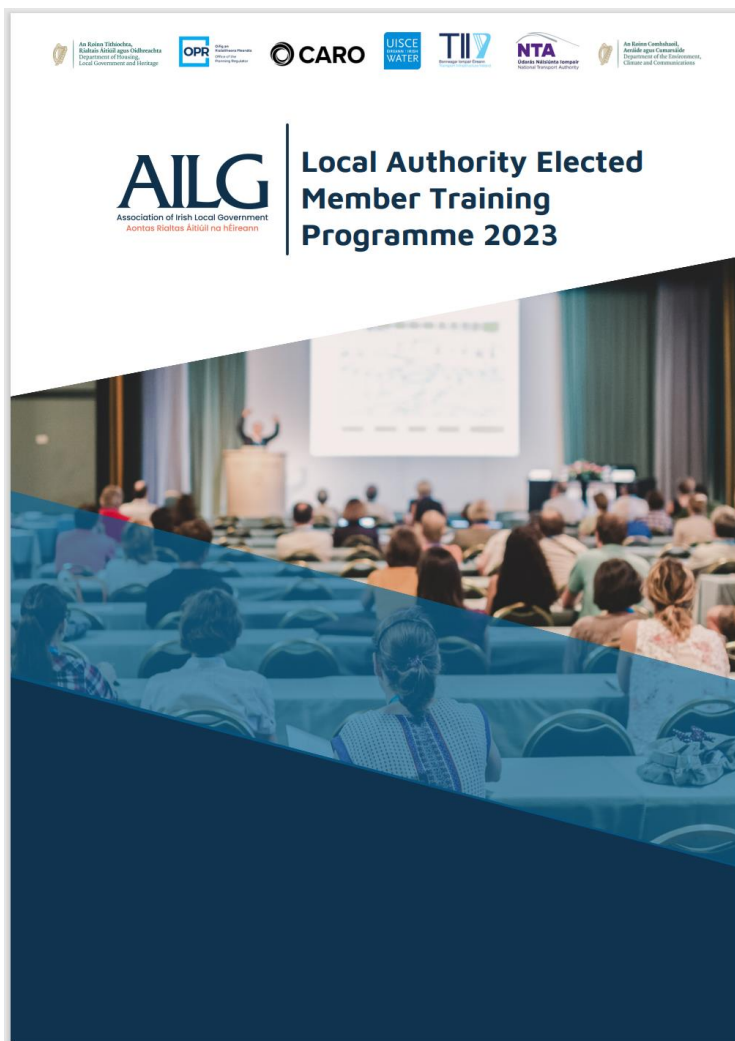
AILG Policy and Advocacy Programme



AILG Elected Members Training & Education Programme

AILG Elected Members Training Programme 2024
which will see

- 6 No. In-person training modules – 12 days
- 6-8 No. Training Webinars
- Intensive Induction Training Series Post Local Elections 2024
- 2 No. National Training Events (Annual Conference & Autumn Seminar)
- Tailored Training





**Launch of AILG/Maynooth University Report on the 21st
Century Councillor - January 2024**



**The 21st Century Councillor in
Irish Local Government**

Research Commissioned by the Association of Irish Local Government

AILG Elected Members Training & Education Programme

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AILG Elected Member Training Analysis 2023



AILG "In Service" Member Training Analysis 2022 - 2023

2,653

2, 653 attendees over 26 Training events (including over 850 online attendees) in 2023

600

The number of combined attendees at our Annual Training Conference & Autumn Seminar

671

The number of councillors who have attended at least one of our online training sessions now stands at 671 Elected Members or above 70% of our membership

11

The number of online training webinars delivered to our Members between Sept 2022 - September 2023

18

The number of Councillors who successfully graduated from the AILG sponsored UCC Climate Learning Program

AILG/UCC Education Initiative for Councillors – Level 7 Certificate for Councillors - Climate Change



Contact Details for this course

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Professional Development in Government

Specifically for county councillors in up to date policies and initiatives in Development (Amendment) Act for pressing climate related issues. Credit CPD programme of its kind in this sector. Building on the CARO authorities, its purpose is to provide and upskill their professional & trip component is designed for local with a view to building relationships across the local government sector in this course will also as a recognition AD 1082/1085 Perspectives on (10 credit module) within the climate.

Student's knowledge and skills base in their professional role. The wider-to-peer learning and sharing of foundation for students to further in the crucial subjects of global more generally.

in UCC in developing their Level 7 Professional Development in Climate Crisis now play a critical role in responding to the Plan and will lead the response

have the necessary knowledge, this challenge and the availability of is of vital importance for AILG and



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- ❑ AILG provide secretariat services to Irish delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe.
- ❑ Congress meets twice per annum, with delegation members also participating in other committees throughout the year.
- ❑ Assistance also provided to CLRAE Irish Youth Delegate
- ❑ Ireland held the COE Presidency May – Nov 2022
- ❑ AILG hosted a number of events in 2022 to celebrate the Irish Presidency