



Count Her In National Conference

Equality for Women for Election in 2024

26th May 2023. Cork City Concert Hall. 10.30am – 4pm

Introduction

In the lead in to the 2024 local elections we are holding a national conference in Cork City to champion solutions to make politics more accessible, inclusive, safe, and equal for women across Ireland. With one year to the local elections in 2024 this conference will serve to focus attention of strategies and interventions to be scaled up to get more women elected in 2024.

This innovative conference will create the space for dynamic dialogues between participants and inspiring thought leaders to broaden understanding of solutions to help elect women equally in 2024.

The conference will take place on the 26th of May in Cork City Concert Hall. The conference will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm with registration from 9.30am.

Bookings for the conference will open in the coming weeks, a save the date notice will issue next week and, in the meantime, all political party leaders are being invited to attend or to send a senior representative.

The Count Her In Conference will showcase new innovations being launched by Women for Election including a new national datahub on Women in Politics and new research on ways to make politics more inclusive and accessible for women. The conference will create the space for dialogue, collaboration, and new thinking with a wide audience of women for election alumni, future candidates, political parties, elected local and national politicians, policy makers, business leaders, academics, students, and a diversity of civic society groups.

There will also be space created for the audience and in particular women with political ambition or interest to meet with political parties who will be invited to host information stands.

The conference is being organised by Women for Election in partnership with Cork City Council with support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

For further information please contact Caitriona Gleeson, CEO Women for Election

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Waterford City & County Council

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Tom Cronin
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	Finance Act 2022
CONFERENCE LOCATION	4 Seasons Hotel Corlingford
DATE OF CONFERENCE	6 th - 8 th January

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

- Child Benefit payment - Extra €140 per child in November
- Living alone allowance - once off payment of €200 November
- Working families payment - once off payment of €500 November
- Domiciliary care allowance will increase from €309.50 to €330 January
- More people to qualify for fuel allowance
- 9% VAT rate for gas + electricity is extended to 20 February 22.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

I received handout.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Thomas Cronin Date: 24-3-2023

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Tom Cronin
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA Spring Seminar
CONFERENCE LOCATION	West Lodge Hotel Bantry Cork
DATE OF CONFERENCE	2 nd - 4 th March

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Apprenticeship + Future Building Initiatives Recruitment
+ training.

- The opening speech Michael Anglin Chair of LAMA.
- Danny Collins Mayor of Cork spoke very well
- Special Guest Sean Kelly MEP - very good

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Handout received but misplaced

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JASON MURPHY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AICG TRAINING Module 2
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Jundah.
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/3/23

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Local Authority Climate Action Plan

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

The Role of the local Authority members in relation to the formation of Climate Action Plan

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NO

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Signed: Cllr. [Signature]

Date: 27/3/23

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	AILEEN DAMIEN GEOLHEGAN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG TRAINING
CONFERENCE LOCATION	THE FAIRWAYS HOTEL, DUNDALK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/03/23

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

LOCAL AUTHORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLANS

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

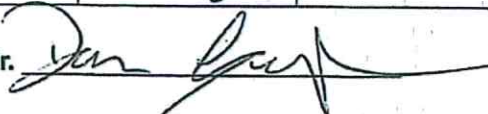
Session on focus on Role of Local Authority and Elected member at each stage of CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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HANDOUTS AVAILABLE ON AILG WEBSITE.

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Excellent	Very Good ✓	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. 

Date:

28/03/23

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DECLAN CLUNE
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG TRAINING MODULE 2
CONFERENCE LOCATION	DUNDALK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	MARCH 25, 2023

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Updates on climate science and policy required for Local Authority Climate Action Plan and the timelines associated with it's development.

- Phases of warming cooling
- Cyclical nature
- Public consultations & communication
- Ambition for plan

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

- Adoption as a reserved function
- Evidence based targets
- Plan must be reasonable and implementable
- Potential public opposition if poor pre-consultation

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Soft copy of presentations available

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Signed: Cllr. 

Date: March 26, 2023

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOE KELLY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG TRAINING. LOCAL AUTHORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLANS- BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
CONFERENCE LOCATION	THE FAIRWAYS HOTEL DUNDALK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/3/23

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Best practice in developing an inclusive local authority climate action plan.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

The fact that Climate Change happens over millennia with some warming and cooling of the planet, but in recent decades the increases are every year, and the temperature rises are more extreme.

Slowing down or stopping the release of carbon is vital to the survival of the planet. In a recent survey 83% of EU citizens think its more important to invest in renewable energy since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Presenter Dr. Darren Barry TU of the Shannon.

An EPA survey, now called The Four Irelands, regarding Irish attitudes to climate change showed 36% of respondents were alarmed, 48% Concerned, 12% cautious and 3% doubtful. So climate is on most people's agenda.

LA Climate Action Plan – according to presenter Ciaran Lynch “we need an all of society approach” if it is to work.

He said there are 4 cornerstones to developing a plan that will be accepted by most people:

1. Consultation
2. Cooperation
3. Coordination
4. Collaborative

Without bringing people with you it will be very difficult to get buy in from the community.

The role of councillors in advocating for Climate Action Plans and their benefits was seen as a very important role. Leadership will be needed and commitment to the 4 cornerstones' is really important.

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The PowerPoint slides will be emailed to attendees in a few days. I will forward these to corporate. I'm attaching the agenda for the conference.

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Signed: Cllr. Joe Kelly Date: 28/03/23

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AILG Elected Members March 2023 (In-Person) Module 2 Training

"Local Authority Climate Action Plan – Action focused ambition at local and community levels"



AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) March 2023

25th March 2023

Eastern & Midlands /Northern & Western Region

Fairways Hotel, Dundalk

"Local Authority Climate Action Plans – Building Sustainable Communities"

09.30am – 10.00am	<i>Registration and Tea/Coffee</i>
10.00am – 10.05am	<p><i>Opening, Introduction and Welcome</i></p> <p>- Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, President AILG</p>
Session 1	<p><u>Speakers:</u> <i>Dr. Darren Barry, Technological University of the Shannon</i></p> <p>Update on the climate science and policy required for the Local Authority Climate Action Plan and the timeline associated with its development.</p>
11.05 – 11.20am	<u>Tea/Coffee break</u>
Session 2	<p><u>Speakers:</u> <i>Claran Lynch, Community Engagement Partnerships</i></p> <p>The role of the local authority and elected members at each stage of the LA CAP. How to give Leadership personally and as part of the corporate entity.</p>
12.30pm – 1.00pm	<i>Questions and Answers followed by Close & Lunch</i>



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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	AECLAN DOOCEY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILE TRAINING MODULE 2
CONFERENCE LOCATION	FAIRWAYS HOTEL DODDALK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25-3-2013

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

LOCAL AUTHORITY Climate Action Plans
Building Sustainable Communities

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

UPDATE ON THE CLIMATE SCIENCE AND POLICY
Required for the Local Authority Climate Action
Plan and the timeline associated with its development

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Signed: Cllr. Aeclan Doocoy

Date: 27-3-2013

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOHN O'LEARY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	TRAINING A & C
CONFERENCE LOCATION	DUNDALK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/3/23

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

CLIMATE ACTION PRESENTATION
OUTLINING SEA LEVEL RISING, & AIR TMS
TEMPERATURE, RISING

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

MITIGATION MEASURES MUST BE PUT
IN PLACE IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS
IN CO₂ EMISSIONS

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RECEIVED E-MAIL ON CONTENTS OF MEETING

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Signed: Cllr. John O'Leary

Date: 3/4/23

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County Secretary

MD/ZP

20th April, 2023

Re: April 2023 Meeting Wexford County Council

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the April Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"That Wexford Council endorses and remains committed to the roll out of the Able Disabled campaign as a means of inclusion and prioritising the needs of those with a disability by companies and utilities.

Furthermore, as part of the evolving nationwide expansion of the AD call sign, this Council calls on all Chambers of Commerce members, County Councils and all utilities to engage, promote, and sign up to the AD Aware Programme as part of their corporate social responsibilities.

Upon passage, this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities, Chambers of Commerce Ireland, Regulators and Government Information Service for dissemination."

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Drea,
County Secretary & Communications Officer
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Phone: 053 9196260



25 April 2023

To: **All Local Authorities**

Re: **Motion of Westmeath County Council**

A Chara,

At the recent meeting of Westmeath County Council held on 24 April 2023, the following resolution was passed, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

“That Westmeath County Council would write to the Minister of Housing and request that he support and encourage the immediate construction of affordable housing units by temporarily removing the need for local authority contributions and facilitating the designation of affordable units in developments that are in the planning system or that have a grant of planning.”

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of your Local Authority.

Mise le meas,



Anne Galvin,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services.