



10 September 2019

Ms Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City and County Council
City Hall
The Mall
Waterford.

Dear Ms Dunphy

On behalf of the Minister for Health, Simon Harris T.D., I wish to thank you for your correspondence of 24 June and 24 July concerning the Board of the South/South West Hospital Group (SSWHG) and to advise that the composition of the Board is under consideration and that the contents of your correspondence have been noted in this regard.

Yours sincerely

Matthew O'Gorman
Private Secretary



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AILG Training Dates for October and November, 2019

The new Office of the Planning Regulator –

Mr Niall Cussen & his team will present on the newest addition to the Irish planning code – the Office of the Planning Regulator – and related planning issues.

*Thursday, 10 October – Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, via Limerick, Co Clare, primarily for Councillors in the Southern Regional Assembly area

*Saturday, 12 October - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co Louth – for the rest of the country

Climate Change – local authorities in the front line

Local authorities have taken the lead in the response to climate change by establishing four Climate Change Action Regional Offices. Personnel from the new offices will describe how local authorities can put in place actions to mitigate this problem which has the potential to impact on daily life through severe weather events and other serious outcomes.

*Thursday, 21 November, Hodson Bay Hotel, off the N61 Co Roscommon – primarily for Councillors in the Northern & Western and Midlands & Eastern Regional Assembly areas

*Saturday, 23 November, Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork – primarily for Councillors in the Southern Area



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Office of the
Planning Regulator



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THE PLANNING PROCESS

Elected Members Training Programme

Module 1: 'The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator'

The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), in conjunction with the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG), is delivering a training programme on the planning process specifically tailored for the elected members of planning authorities.

This programme will provide enhanced knowledge of the planning process, with a specific focus on the role and responsibilities of the democratically elected members.

Speakers will include Damien English, Minister of State for Housing & Urban Development; Planning Regulator, Niall Cussen, officials of the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government and experienced local authority officials.

10th October 2019 (Thurs) – Limerick, Radisson Hotel

(for Members in the Southern Region)

12th October 2019 (Sat) – Dundalk, Crowne Plaza Hotel

(for Members in the Border & Western Region and the Dublin, Midlands & Eastern Region)

(registration from 9:15, presentations start at 10:00, closes with lunch at 13:00)

EARLY BOOKING ADVISED





**AILG Elected Members
Module 4 Training
October 2019**



“The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator”

The purpose of the training is to provide elected members with enhanced knowledge of the planning process, reaffirming their roles and responsibilities within the planning system and their functions in relation to ensuring proper planning and sustainable development. This training module is being carried out in conjunction with the Office of the Planning Regulator

10th October 2019

Southern Region

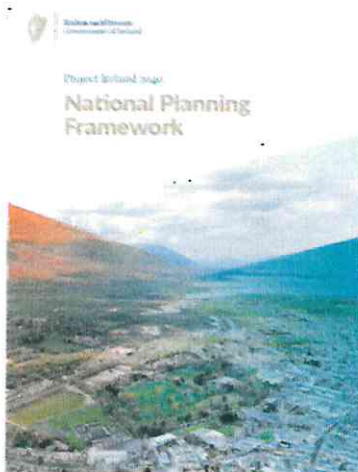
Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Rd., Limerick

Training Day Programme

9.15am	Registration and Tea/Coffee
10.00am	Opening Address by Minister Damien English TD, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development
10.10am – 10.40am	“Purpose of Planning and its Legislative/Policy Framework” Speaker: Stewart Logan, Senior Planning Advisor, DHPLG
10.40am – 11.10am	“Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive and Members” Speaker: Pat Ledwidge – Retired Dir. of Service Planning & former Deputy Chief Executive, Cork City Council
11.10am – 11.30am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.30am – 12.30pm	“Purpose of the OPR in the Planning System and Role of the Public in the Planning Process and Outcomes in Planning” Speaker: Niall Cussen, Planning Regulator
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Questions & Answers
1.00pm	Close and Lunch

The members of local authorities and public officials perform critical statutory functions in the planning process. Carrying out these functions effectively, coherently, consistently and transparently in an evidence-based and plan-led fashion is critical to the quality and robustness of our planning process.

Understanding the roles, relationships and responsibilities of both elected members and officials will be an important aspect of the training programme. The regulatory and policy context for planning has also become more complex, driven in part by EU Directive requirements aimed at delivering action on inter-governmentally agreed climate and environmental objectives.



Publication of the National Planning Framework Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies and commencement of the functions of the OPR set a statutory policy context for the principally plan-making functions of elected members that the training programme is intended to develop and build over time.

The OPR is rolling out a programme of training for the elected members of Ireland's 31 planning authorities in conjunction with the AILG.

The first introductory module, Introducing the Planning Process, the Office of the Planning Regulator and the Role of the Elected Member, will be presented this October.



The October component will be the first of three inter-related modules, which when taken together will provide a comprehensive introduction for elected members to the planning process including plan-making, planning applications, planning decisions, appeals, the respective roles of the elected members, the executive, the public and the interrelationships between all stakeholders.

Module One: which is being presented this October, will provide an introductory overview of the planning system. This module is intended to help elected members understand the planning process and the components and interrelationships between the parts of the process operated by the elected members and officials as well as exploring in more detail the statutory duties and responsibilities of the members in the formulation of policies and the identification of priorities for the sustainable development of their towns and cities. Furthermore, the purpose of the OPR in the planning system will be outlined.

Module Two: which will be presented in early 2020, will build on module one with a specific focus on the plan-making process, in particular and how elected members work within the regulatory framework and bring together a wide range of views from statutory consultees, the observations from the public and outputs from environmental assessments in arriving at policy decisions that are consistent with wider regulatory and policy requirements and that will be robust in the event of legal challenge.

The requirements of Ministerial guidelines and directions, Government policy and European environmental directives will be explored in this context.

Module Three: will elaborate on the development management process, outlining information on the processing of planning applications and decisions, through to planning appeals and judicial reviews, as well as the provisions for public participation in the planning process.



It is recommended that participants attend all three complementary modules

Learning Objective

In 2006, freshwater scientist David Dudgeon and colleagues published a comprehensive review of the threats facing freshwater ecosystems and the urgent conservation actions required to tackle them. In the twelve years since their widely-cited review, the outlook for freshwater biodiversity has worsened, with freshwater species exhibiting steeper population declines than marine and terrestrial species.

Dudgeon and colleagues identified five key threats to freshwater ecosystems: overexploitation; water pollution; flow modification; destruction and degradation of habitat; and invasion by exotic species. In the years since their paper, many of these threats have become more widespread and complex, whilst new and emerging threats have been identified, and the harmful effects of multiple stressors have been increasingly documented.

In other words, freshwater conservation now takes place in what is increasingly called the Anthropocene – a geological epoch characterised by human activity affecting environments and ecosystems at all scales. This conference will discuss these threats and examine modern approaches to freshwater management and conservation.

Conference Fee
€100



VENUE

O'DONOVAN'S HOTEL
CLONAKILTY,
CO. CORK



Professional Event Organisers
Present a Conference on

Emerging Threats and Persistent Conservation Challenges for Freshwater Biodiversity

8th, 9th & 10th
November 2019

The conference organisers reserve the right to change any of the details of this programme to facilitate the safe and efficient running of this event.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 8th November 2019

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 9th November 2019

9am to 10am - Registration followed at 10.15am with

Twelve Key Threats to Freshwater Ecosystems

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

Conservation Challenges Posed

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

Five Approaches to Freshwater Management and Conservation

Sunday 10th November 2019

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

Close Conference

Celtic Conferences

Celtic Conferences is an event management and conference company incorporated in 2008. Since its formation the company has been providing a variety of different events and conferences, ranging from 1 day to 3 days in duration.

For the past number of years it has been delivering conferences and corporate events, specifically tailored to the requirements of elected public representatives from all council areas throughout the country. We differentiate ourselves with a flexible, adaptable approach to best meet the needs of busy individuals and organisations. We work closely with stakeholders to ensure that budgetary and operational parameters are not breached while allowing employee development. Our people are highly qualified and experienced in the field of Developing Human Capital and take responsibility for a complete solution, from administration to evaluation.

We help organisations achieve quality learning outcomes by motivating, energising and inspiring learners to help discover their passion and potential and develop skills, knowledge and behaviours that are readily and immediately transferable to the workplace.

Learning Objective

All persons resident in Ireland are entitled to receive health care through the public health care system, which is managed by the Health Service Executive and funded by general taxation. A person may be required to pay a subsidised fee for certain health care received; this depends on income, age, illness or disability. All maternity services and child care up to the age of six months are provided free of charge. Emergency care is provided at a cost of €100 for a visit to the Accident and Emergency department.

Everyone living in the country, and visitors to Ireland who hold a European Health Insurance Card, are entitled to free maintenance and treatment in public beds in Health Service Executive and voluntary hospitals. However the majority of patients on median incomes or above, are required to pay subsidised hospital charges.

This conference will discuss the two types of eligibility for people who are ordinarily resident in this country and the rules governing eligibility.

Conference Fee
€100



VENUE

O'DONOVAN'S HOTEL
CLONAKILTY,
CO. CORK



Professional Event Organisers
Present a Conference on

ENTITLEMENT TO HEALTH SERVICES

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**15th, 16th & 17th
November 2019**

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 15th November 2019

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 16th November 2019

9am to 10am - Registration followed at 10.15am with

Medical and Non-Medical Card Holders

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

General Health Services

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

Establishing Ordinary Residency

Sunday 17th November 2019

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

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Close Conference

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This conference will provide the Councillor with details about Regional Assemblies in Ireland and the funding that they provide for different projects in Ireland. All EU funding is channelled towards precise objectives and priorities under the various common policies, which, in turn, are based on provisions of the Treaties.

Cohesion spending in Europe lies at the very heart of the growth agenda. It is one of the primary instruments available to the Union to drive investment and to promote growth and jobs in the years ahead. The Irish experience of Cohesion funding has been very positive, with Cohesion policy playing an important role in the development of Ireland's economy.

For the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027, the Commission proposes to modernise Cohesion Policy, the EU's main investment policy and one of its most concrete expressions of solidarity.

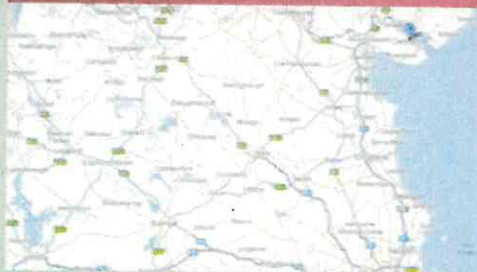
This conference will focus on the Five main objectives that will drive EU investments in 2021-2027.

Conference Fee

€100

VENUE

THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
CARLINGFORD,
CO. LOUTH



Professional Event Organisers
Present a Conference on

Regional Development and EU Cohesion Policy beyond 2020

22nd, 23rd & 24th
November 2019

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 22nd November 2019

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 23rd November 2019

9am to 10am - Registration followed at 10.15am with

The New Framework at a Glance

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

Simplification Measures in Cohesion Policy 2021 - 2017

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

Improving the visibility of Cohesion Policy

Sunday 24th November 2019

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

Close Conference

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To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the September Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council, the following resolution was carried:

“That Sligo County Council delay (1) the testing of 5G and the roll-out of 5G in County Sligo (2) call on ComReg to delay the licensing of its roll-out and (3) calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment to establish the facts about the radiation impact of 5G and to delay the roll-out across the country until a full assessment of the health and environmental implications are carried out with a report compiled and presented to the Oireachtas.”

The Members requested that a copy of this resolution would be circulated to all Local Authorities for their information and attention.

Yours sincerely,



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