



Annual Conference & Exhibition 2020

‘THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT’

Crowne Plaza, Belfast
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OPENING SESSION**NATIONAL, REGIONAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLITICAL ADDRESS**

8.30	Registration and Networking
9.30	Civic Welcome by the Host Council's First Citizen <i>Lord Mayor, Cllr John Finucane, Belfast City Council (Invited)</i>
9.35	Political Keynote Addresses: National / Regional Government <i>NI Secretary of State (Invited)</i> <i>Ministerial representative, Department of the Taoiseach (Invited)</i>
9.55	NILGA & SOLACE Response / Address <i>NILGA President, Cllr Frances Burton, Mid Ulster District Council</i> <i>SOLACE Chair, David Jackson, CEO, Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council</i>

SESSION 1**OUR FUTURE ROLES: LOCAL LEADERSHIP****STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY – WHAT'S TO COME FOR COUNCILS?**

10.10	Panel Debate & Interactive Session on: <i>Devolution / Powers & Resources of Councils / Dealing with Uncertainty & Instability / Community Led Service Design / Leadership, Skills & Performance</i>
10.50	<i>NILGA & SOLACE – Key Messages and Resolutions from Debate</i>
11.00	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors

SESSION 2**OUR FUTURE ENVIRONMENT: CLIMATE, COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES**

11.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Climate Emergency - What is the role of local council frontline services?</i> • <i>Future of Waste & Recycling</i> • <i>Sustainable infrastructure</i> • <i>Sustainable Transport</i>
12.10	<i>Q&A Audience & Panel Debate to include NILGA & SOLACE</i>
12.40	Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors

SESSION 3 – DELIVERED BY SOLACE**OUR FUTURE PLANNING: COUNCILS DRIVING TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY TODAY**

14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planning – Building the Future while protecting the past</i> • <i>Planning our infrastructure</i> • <i>Place Shaping, The High Street, A Community Space</i>
14.35	<i>Policy Remarks – SOLACE and Q&A Audience & Panel Debate</i>
15.00	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors

SESSION 4**OUR FUTURE ECONOMY: PEOPLE & TECHNOLOGY IN CONCERT**

15.30	The 4th Industrial Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Artificial Intelligence – reshaping local government services</i> • <i>Propelling world class firms</i>
16.10	<i>Q&A Audience & Panel Debate to include NILGA & SOLACE</i>
16.40	Closing Keynote – Transforming Northern Ireland An economy that works for everyone
17.00	Conference Sponsor & NILGA Delegates Prize Draw – Close

NI Local Government Gala Awards - Commence 7.00pm – Dinner served from 8.00pm

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