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A-Z OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A MODULAR TRAINING PROGRAMME TAILORED TO YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY

The A-Z of Irish Local Government is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the key service areas provided by Local Authorities in Ireland. The programme has been updated and consists of ten modules delivered via live online webinars. Individual learning is supported by access to recorded webinars, themed quizzes and additional resources.

Who is it for?

The A-Z of Irish Local Government is ideal for new entrants to a local authority or existing staff members who would like to expand their knowledge of their local authority. This includes indoor, outdoor, technical, and administrative staff. It is an excellent programme for helping staff prepare for interviews. This course is also beneficial for anyone who is preparing for interview.

Key Features

- ✓ Ten modules covering key service areas.
- ✓ Live online webinars covering specific examples and models for each local authority area.
- ✓ Themed quizzes designed to help participants embed and consolidate their learning.
- ✓ 12 week access to recorded webinars and quizzes.
- ✓ Certificates of completion are awarded to those who complete all ten modules.

Course Leader

Dr. Philip Byrne is an IPA Associate, Senior Local Government Specialist and Trainer, with over 30 years' experience of the Local Government sector in Ireland.

Further Information

For a quotation or to discuss this programme in further detail, please contact the IPA Local Government Unit on 01 240 3600 or via email at training@ipa.ie.

Module Content

The ten modules of the A-Z of Irish Local Government are outlined below and overleaf:



Reform and Structures

- Reform Era - Better Local Government and 2001 Local Government Act
- Reform Era - Putting People First and 2014 Local Government Act
- Strategy Policy Committees (SPCs) and Corporate Policy Group
- Municipal Districts and Area Committees
- Local Community Development Committees and Local Economic and Community Plans
- Public Participation Networks
- Local Enterprise Offices
- Governance, oversight, and management



Finance

- Revenue expenditure
- Revenue income
- Revenue budget process
- Capital expenditure, income and budget
- Financial reporting
- Local government audit



Housing Part One

- Housing needs analysis
- Housing allocation scheme
- Differential rent scheme
- Estate management / anti-social behaviour
- Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)
- Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAPS)
- Long term leasing scheme

Module Content Continued



Housing Part Two

- Private Rented Standards
- Housing loans
- Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Housing Adaptation Grants (HAGs)
- Traveller Accommodation
- Homeless services
- Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)



Environment

- International environment policies
- Climate change
- EU Policy
- Waste management
- Litter management
- Air management
- Noise management



Roads

- National Planning Framework / National Development Plan / National Roads Programme
- Roads Legislation
- National Roads -Transport 21
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Finance of national, regional, local roads
- Health and Safety at road works
- Road Safety
- Key institutions in roads and transportation



Planning

- Hierarchy of plans
- Development plan process
- Planning application process
- Planning appeals
- Exempted development and planning enforcement
- Local Authority Development (Part 8)
- Architectural and heritage conservation
- Strategic infrastructure developments / large scale residential developments
- Strategic development zones
- Appropriate assessment



Water

- Rationale and demand for water services
- Challenges facing Local Authorities and the rationale for Uisce Éireann
- Uisce Éireann – Service Level Agreements
- Legislation
- Water framework directive
- Water pollution legislation
- Water pollution prevention and control



Recreation and Amenity

- Leisure facilities operations
- Operation of library and archival service
- Outdoor leisure areas operations
- Community sport and recreational development
- Operation of Arts Programme



Agriculture, Education and Welfare and Miscellaneous Services

- Operation and maintenance of piers and harbours
- Coastal protection
- Veterinary service
- Educational support services
- Land drainage
- Administration of Rates
- Operation of morgue and coroner expenses
- Weighbridges
- Operation of markets and casual trading
- Malicious damage
- Local representation and civic leadership
- Motor Taxation

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