



REGIONAL ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT
“The new General Power of Competence”

28th October 2015

Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown

29th October 2015,

Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon

The Local Government Act 2014 introduced a new General Power of Competence in Northern Ireland. This Power gives councils the ability to do anything an individual can do (subject to restrictions), rather than only being able to do what they are directly empowered to do.

This FREE one day course, hosted by NILGA and supported by the Local Government Training Group, will be led by the **Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)**. It will seek to provide information on the Power, what it means, and how Northern Ireland councils can learn from Councils' experiences elsewhere. It will also discuss what steps Northern Ireland councils need to take in order to utilise the General Power to deliver real, tangible benefits to citizens and communities.

The course is designed for council elected members, and will also be of major interest to senior officers in Councils.

AGENDA

9.30 am 10.00am	Registration and tea / coffee Introduction — NILGA Office Bearer Session Leaders: Jan Kennedy & Andrew Uprichard on behalf of APSE
10.00am	I've Got the Power! What is the General Power of Competence? Overview / Policy and in Practice (followed by refreshment break)
11.35am	Why do Councils need it? Usage / Need / Policy Illustrations
11.30am	What happens in other jurisdictions? Lessons from neighbouring Councils
12.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm	How is it working out? Good Outcomes / Matters Arising
2.00pm- 3.15pm	Discussion on making use of the General Power in Northern Ireland

These **FREE** events are open to a maximum of 35 Members / Officers per session. Councils should complete the booking form on the reverse and return it to NILGA by emailing s.little@nilga.org, at least 5 working days before your chosen event.

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Registration for both events - 9.30am

BOOKING FORM

PLEASE NOTE:

Places at these events are limited so early booking is recommended.

Contact name of person responsible for bookings _____

Council: _____

Email: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Council nominations

Full Name	Title	Preferred Venue (s)	Dietary / Special requirements

Please return to Sarah Little at the NILGA offices at least 5 working days before your chosen event, email: s.little@nilga.org or by post:

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