

# NILGA Regional Programme October 2024 – April 2025

Date	Time	Political Skill	L&D	Approach	Facilitation	Learning Outcomes
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	6-8pm	Partnership Workshop	Shared Leadership and Co-production	Digital Masterclass	NILGA / Governance International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding of your role in mobilising service users and community members to better achieve outcomes.</li> <li>• Developed skills and capabilities to identify needs and capabilities of residents by mapping assets with strengths of service users and members of the community.</li> <li>• Lived experience of local people is prominent in decision making.</li> <li>• Increased confidence in influence of the council and other public service organisations to become more user orientated and community orientated in their role, using citizens' capabilities more effectively.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20th November 2024	6-8pm	Scrutiny and Challenge	Scrutiny and Challenge	Digital Masterclass	APSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding and awareness in identifying areas suitable for scrutiny and analysis of complex information.</li> <li>• Developed skills and capabilities to effectively participate in scrutiny and challenge (concise arguments, objectivity and thoroughness).</li> <li>• Increased confidence in the scrutiny process.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22nd January 2025	6-8pm	Political Understanding	Delivering in a Political Environment	Digital Workshop	NILGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding and awareness of the role (representation, community leadership and corporate) and context (people, place and systems).</li> <li>• Improved understanding and awareness of the distinct (officer and members) roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>• Developed knowledge, skills and capabilities to deliver effectively in a political environment.</li> <li>• Increased confidence in dealing with the dynamics of these distinct roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>• Continued development of good working relationships between officers and elected members.</li> </ul>

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Wednesday 26th February 2025	6-8pm	Effective Communication for Influence	Debating Skills of Councillors	Digital Workshop	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding and awareness of how to share opposing views, discuss these with respect and an open mind and come to informed conclusions for the benefit of the community.</li> <li>• Developed communication and interpersonal skills.</li> <li>• Increased confidence to engage in meaningful debate and deal with challenging situations.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19th March 2024	6-8pm	Effective use of Digital Technologies and Social Media	The Digital Councillor	Digital Workshop		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding and awareness of the role of digital technology in improving your local area.</li> <li>• Developed skills and capabilities in using digital technologies to enhance engagement levels via multiple digital channels.</li> <li>• Increased confidence in using social media as a tool to engage with my electorate alongside traditional ways of working.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22nd April 2024	6-8pm	Regulating and Monitoring	The Licensing Process and Discharging your Duties.	Digital Resources	NILGA and Institute of Licensing NI (IOLNI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding and awareness of statutory requirements associated with licensing.</li> <li>• Developed skills and capabilities in using evidence to evaluate arguments and make independent judgements.</li> <li>• Increased confidence in following legal processes, balancing public needs and local policy.</li> </ul>