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Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann

AILG - Your Voice, Your Association

Elected Member Communication
& Engagement Roadshow

Kilkenny County Council

Presented by:
Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)



What We Do

- National voice for Councillors
- Support and represent the interests of the 950 Elected Members
- Strengthen and Promote Local Democracy in Ireland

- **Key Objectives:**



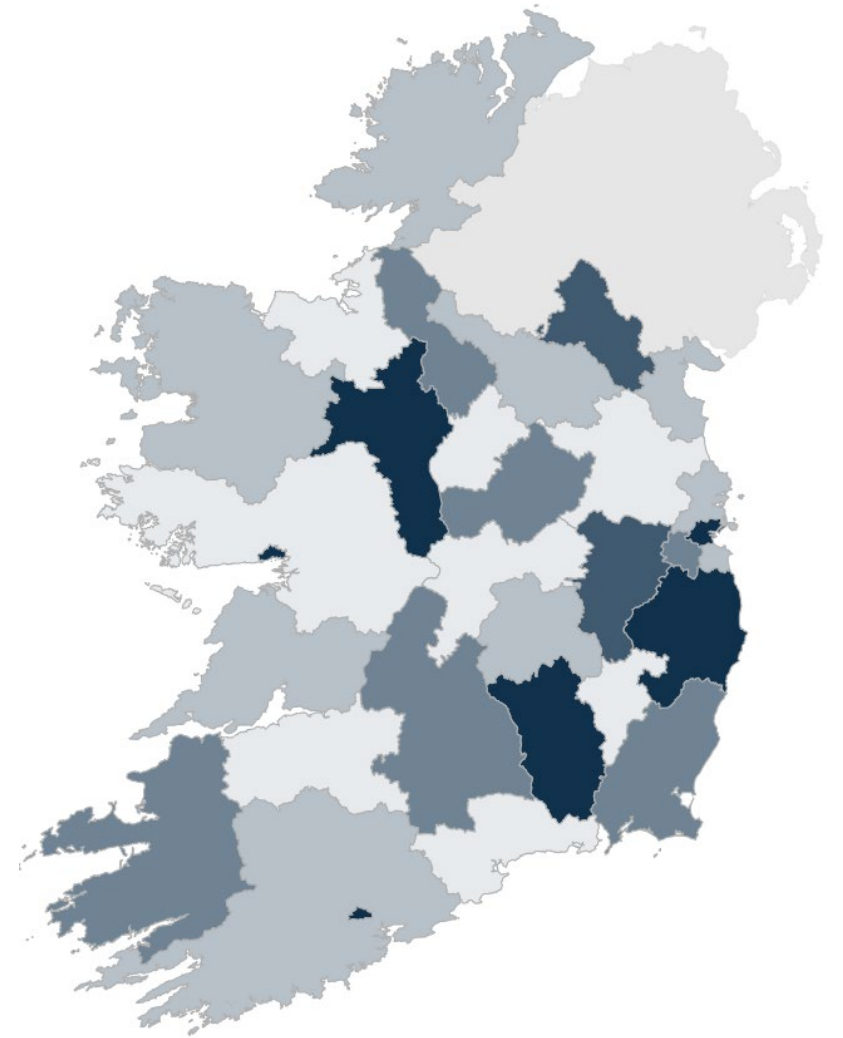
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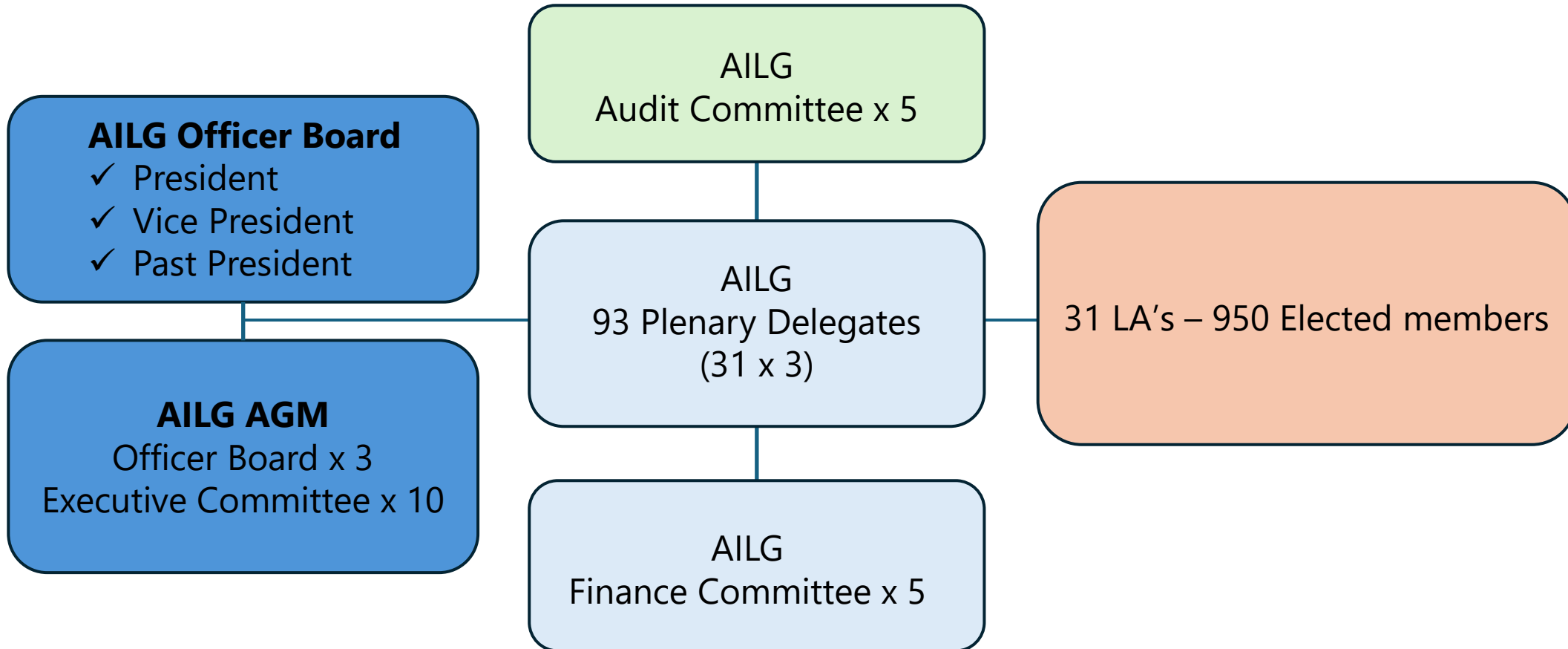
Support



Promote



Organisational Structure



Your Member Benefits -What's In It for You?

"You Advocate for Others – We Advocate for You."



A Stronger National Voice

- ✓ Influence at EU, National and Local Levels
- ✓ Representation at key forums, committees, and policy platforms



Delivering Tangible Results

- ✓ Secured better pay - **+40% Increase**
- ✓ Non-pay supports
- ✓ Improved working conditions



Tailored Training & Focused Development

- ✓ Councillor focused learning
- ✓ Skills & Knowledge Development
- ✓ CPD pathways to meet your evolving role



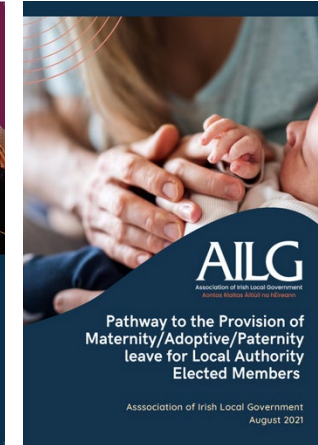
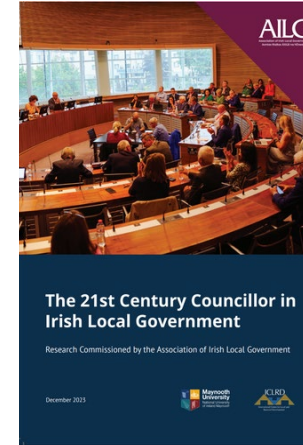
Practical Support When You Need it

- ✓ Direct assistance on issues that affect you
- ✓ Member-only resources and policy insights
- ✓ Timely updates and advice when needed

What We've Delivered

– Your Voice, Heard Nationally and Beyond

- ✓ Improved terms and conditions for Councillors
- ✓ (increased salary and gratuity)
- ✓ Maternity/paternity leave provision for Councillors
- ✓ Counselling & Welfare supports for Councillors
- ✓ Councillor Security Allowance and Launch of
- ✓ 365Assist security support
- ✓ Commissioned Research – AILG-MU Report
- ✓ WoMeN's Regional Caucus Network
- ✓ Cross Border Collaboration with NILGA
- ✓ Policy wins from our Local Government Manifesto



Policy Impact - at National and EU Level



CLRAE Congress Monitoring Committee report



Seanad Consultation Committee on Future of Local Democracy



AILG-MU Independent Research Report



AILG Local Government Manifesto
Building Stronger Local Government



Ongoing representation on national policy and working groups



Policy Impact – Local Democracy Taskforce



Strategic advocacy sustained over the past 18 months



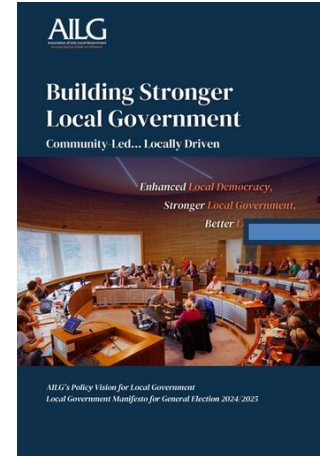
Taskforce established to examine key AILG manifesto proposals



5 Councillor seats secured on the Taskforce — ensuring elected member voices are central



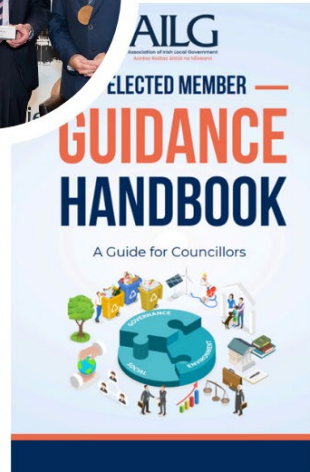
AILG's policy and research will directly inform the Taskforce's deliberations.



Training & Education - Supporting Your Growth and Impact



AILG Elected Members' Information Leaflets
Reserved functions - decision making powers of elected members



Professional Training & Development

- In-person and online specialised training to support legislative responsibilities
- CPD Partnership with UCC: QQI Level 7 course on Climate Crisis and Local Government



Real-Time Policy & Member Support

- Practical educational resources & quick-response policy briefings for major sectoral changes
- Ongoing member support: queries on pay, protocol, and role clarity



Strategic Skills Identification

- Training Needs Analysis Survey: Mapping members' skills gaps

AILG for the Future – A new Strategic Vision



Strategic Training Plan 2025–2029

A strategic CPD roadmap, shaped by member feedback, to support Councillors in a changing governance landscape.



New Corporate Plan 2025–2029

Focused on organisational sustainability, innovation, and service excellence



Growing Our Capacity

Increased staff complement to deliver high-impact advocacy, training and engagement



Enhanced Member Services

Expanded elected member supports, guidance, and quick-response policy tools



A Stronger Voice for Local Democracy

Deepening national influence through evidence-led policy and collaborative partnerships

Your Role in a Stronger AILG

- Your Engagement Strengthens our Impact

- ✓ **Attend** AILG training and development events
- ✓ **Shape Policy** – Engage via Plenary Delegates
- ✓ **Contribute** – Respond to member consultations
- ✓ **Connect** – Network with peers at AILG events
- ✓ **Stay Informed** – Read our bulletin & follow us online
- ✓ **Talk to Us** – Your input matters. Get in touch anytime



Your Role in a Stronger AILG - Your Association, Your Voice

A Member-Led Organisation

- ➔ AILG is only as Strong As Our Members' Engagement
- ➔ The Association reflects your priorities
- ➔ When you engage, you strengthen our power to influence

**“We’re here to serve your role better
— but it starts with hearing from you.”**



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**Happy to take any
Questions?**

