

NILGA Regional Programme October 2025 – May 2026

Date	Time	Political Skill	L&D	Approach	Facilitation	Learning Outcomes
9th October 2025	12.30 – 1.30pm	Scrutiny and Challenge	Critically analysing information	Webinar	NILGA / Fact Check NI	- Improved understanding and awareness of critically analysing information. - Developed skills and capabilities to check the validity of information, how to drill down information, understand what biases you need to consider etc. - Increased confidence in the scrutiny process.
November 2025	Briefing	Regulating and Monitoring	Audit Committee Training	Briefing	Colette Kane, NIAO	- Improved understanding and awareness of Roles and Responsibilities of the Audit Committee and the LGA. - Developed skills and capabilities in governance, risk and control arrangements. - Increased confidence in their ability to influence robust and defensible decision making.
21st January 2026	12.30 – 2pm	Effective use of Digital Technologies and Social-Media	The Digital Councillor	Lunchtime Webinar	Nigel Cunningham Microsoft	- Improved understanding and awareness of the role of digital technology in improving your local area. - Developed skills and capabilities in using digital technologies to enhance engagement levels via multiple digital channels. - Increased confidence in using social media as a tool to engage with my electorate alongside traditional ways of working.
Wednesday 18th February 2026	10am – 2pm	Partnership Working	Civil Contingencies Emergency Planning	In-person session	Civil Contingencies Resilience	- Improved understanding of what emergency planning is, how to do it and what support is available. - Developed skills and capabilities in targeting resource and making robust and defensible decision when an emergency event occurs. - Increased confidence and competence of councillors in their community leadership role.

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Wednesday 18th March 2026	tbc	Effective Communication for Influence	Debating Skills of Councillors	Digital Workshop	NILGA	- 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. - Developed communication and interpersonal skills. - Increased confidence to engage in meaningful debate and deal with challenging situations.
Wednesday 15th April 2026	6 – 8pm	Personal Resilience	Handling Intimidation	Digital Workshop	NILGA	- Increased understanding of the various types of intimidation and the legal support available. - Develop skills and capabilities on handling online abuse, physical abuse and personal security and psychological abuse and impact on wellbeing. - Increased confidence in communicating with residents, colleagues and stakeholders.
Wednesday 20th May 2026	6 – 8pm	Local Leadership	Allyship	Digital Workshop	NILGA	- Improved understanding of the challenges and experiences of marginalised councillors. - Skills and capabilities in identifying councillors' own biases, privileges and perspectives to understand how they impact others. - Increased confidence of councillors to intervene skilfully in harmful situations, challenge microaggressions, and address harmful norms.