

LLG - Benefits of membership

LLG is a vibrant member organisation for local government law and governance officers at all levels.

As part of a national professional network (with a branch structure and professional network through Special Activity Areas – SAAs) LLG members can tap into a vast resource of knowledge, experience and expertise in every part of local authority law and governance.

As well as LLG Legal training's major Spring conference (the Local Government Weekend School) held annually at a leading University venue, there's also the corporate Governance Conference in November, various SAA events and seminars throughout the year, LLG Branch Meetings often with external speakers plus [LLG Legal training](#) courses covering all areas of local authority practice (with discounts for members on selected events!).

Our corporate partners also make available to members (through collaborative working and otherwise) top flight experience, insight and expertise. And our highly regarded weekly member bulletin and well-populated and updated website will help you ensure you're never behind the curve.

So as well as making sure you're well up to speed on professional development, these events also give members excellent facilities for networking and making friends with colleagues across the land.

As part of the LLG family, you'll never be alone - either professionally or socially!

The excellence and achievements of LLG members are also celebrated through the LLG Awards Ceremony. The inaugural London event was held in November 2014 and 2015. Hosted by lawyer and media star, Clive Anderson, these were fitting and glittering occasions to celebrate the high quality contribution made by LLG members across the land.

LLG also has excellent connections with Government, the LGA, The Law Society, SRA and other national stakeholders. So our members have the opportunity to take part in national policy making and debate on key professional issues affecting them and their authorities.

The specific benefits attaching to the different categories of membership are now noted below. So if you're not a member, don't delay, join today! Get in touch with membership@lawingov.org.uk for details.

Membership

Membership is open to any local government legal or governance officer working within a Local Authority (whether directly employed by the Local Authority or engaged through an agency or other similar arrangement), including but not limited to Monitoring Officers and their deputies, solicitors, barristers, legal executives and licensed conveyancers, and any trainee of any of them, but EXCLUDING any solicitor in private practice unless they:

- (a) practise on their own account, neither employed by nor in partnership with anyone else; and
- (b) undertake work solely on behalf of Local Authority clients.

There are 6 classes of membership:

- **Full Membership** - open to persons meeting the above qualification.
- **Limited Membership** – Free membership open to persons meeting the above qualification but with limited benefits (see below)
- **Past Service Membership** – open to former full members who have since retired or are no longer in work.
- **Associate Membership** – open to:
 - (i) former ACSeS past service members on 1 April 2013.
 - (ii) former monitoring officers or heads of legal at a local authority, who were members of ACSeS, SLG or LLG for the 3 years preceding them leaving that local authority and who are now in work elsewhere; or
 - (iii) other persons who, in the Boards absolute discretion are thought likely to make a significant contribution to the work of LLG.

- **International Membership** – open to any person meeting the requirements of the Board for this class of membership.
- **Honorary Membership** - former honorary members of ACSes or SLG and those granted honorary membership of LLG by the Board.

Benefits of membership

Full membership of LLG provides the following entitlements:-

- To receive notice of, attend, speak and vote at general meetings of LLG, branch meetings, special activity area meetings, regional special activity area meetings.
- Activity area meetings and meetings of any other national groups from time to time.
- To receive weekly and other LLG bulletins and material.
- Access to the LLG's website, including any "members' only" pages; and eligibility to stand for office with LLG.
- Access to the [LLG Bursary Fund and Awards Scheme](#).
- Access to the [Mentoring Scheme](#).
- Access to the experience, insight and expertise afforded by collaborative working with our corporate partners.
- Access to LLG's Monitoring Officer Defence Scheme.
- Discounts on selected [LLG Legal training](#) events.

Past service membership and Associate membership of LLG provides the same entitlements as above, excepting that eligibility to stand for office with the Company is subject to the prior written consent of the Board in its absolute discretion.

Limited Membership provides the following entitlements:-

- To receive notice of, attend and speak (but no entitlement to vote) at:
 - General meetings of the company, branch meetings, special activity area.
 - Meetings, regional special activity area meetings and meetings of any other.
 - National groups from time to time.
- Access to the company's website (excluding any "members' only" pages).
- Discounts on selected [LLG Legal training](#) events.

International membership provides the following entitlements:-

- To receive any bulletins from the Company.
- Access to the Company's website, including any "members' only" pages.

Honorary membership provides the following entitlements:-

- To receive notice of, attend and speak (but shall not be entitled to vote) at:
 - General meetings of the company, branch meetings, special activity area.
 - Meetings, regional special activity area meetings and meetings of any other.
 - National groups from time to time.
- To receive any bulletins from the company.
- Access to the company's website, including any "members' only" pages.

Membership subscriptions

There is a direct benefit to local authorities if their staff are actively involved in relevant professional associations. We therefore encourage local authorities to pay membership subscriptions on their behalf. A single 'group fee' subscription payable by a local authority enables full membership to all its employees who meet the criteria for full membership. The current subscriptions for 2017/18 are as follows:-

Membership Subscriptions 2017/18

<p>LIMITED MEMBERSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Entitled to attend Branch meetings & special interest groups</i> ▪ <i>Access to the public areas of the website only</i> ▪ <i>Not eligible to hold national office</i> <p>All lawyers and governance officers working in local authorities are deemed to be Limited members and are encouraged to actively participate in the organisation</p>	Free								
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