

Dear Members,

This communication is a brief snapshot of some of the ILI activities over the last 6 months. A very big thank you to all members who have contributed to the ongoing work of the institute. The names are too many to mention individually.

Wishing all members a very Merry Christmas!

Mark Nugent

AGM

Following the AGM in June 2023, the following council were elected and have met on 4 occasions.

Council 2023-2024

President: Mark Nugent

Past President: Bernadette O'Connell

Vice President: Luciana Pinho

Honorary Secretary: Alanagh Gannon

Honorary Treasurer: Lucy Carey

Council Members: Roisin Byrne, Conni Dawson, Karen Foley, Anne Merkle, Terry Murray, Julie O'Donovan, Thomas Reaney, Stephanie Vazquez

UCD Representative: Bart O'Doherty

Events Co-Ordinator: Anne Doherty

Administrator: Hazel Dalzell



Membership

The council have been working hard to process membership applications and to keep the membership database current. The current membership options can be found at: <https://www.irishlandscapeinstitute.com/pages/6-membership>

To further streamline the organisation, from the beginning of 2024 on, The Parks Professional Chamber will be dissolved and all present members will be migrated to corporate membership. Additionally, the Viva Voce route to corporate membership will be discontinued. The route to corporate membership will then be only via the ILI exams or by transfer from an IFLA Europe accredited national association. Many thanks to Hazel and Alanagh who continue to answer and facilitate the many membership applications.

Exams

The 2023 ILI Professional Practice Exam was held in October. Congratulations to the 12 new MILI who successfully passed.

For members intending to sit the ILI Professional Practice Exam, please visit <https://www.irishlandscapeinstitute.com/pages/24-ili-professional-practice-exam> A big thank you to Bernadette, Kevin Halpenny, Anne Doherty, Hazel and Alanagh for running this.

ILI Biennial Conference

Nature Based Solutions - leadership in nature restoration and climate resilience was the title of the ILI conference held in UCD last month. The feedback on the conference has been exceptional and follow up events are planned. A massive thanks to Róisín, Bart, Conni, Anne D, Hazel and Karen for organising it. All photos in the newsletter are from the conference.



Some Dates For Your Diary 2024

11th January - LVIA - Webinar with Richard Barker

1st February - Start your Own Practice - Webinar with Oisin Griffin and Philip Doran

March - Tour of Cherrywood

May - UCD Landscape Architecture End Of Year show

June - ILI Design Awards 2024 Submissions

June - AGM

October - ILI Design Awards 2024 Ceremony

October - ILI Professional Practice Exams

National Landscape Forum

The ILI sponsored The National Landscape Forum which was held in Waterford in September. It was a two day event with super speakers from a wide variety of landscape backgrounds and disciplines. ILI was represented by the inimitable Karen Foley who delivered a presentation titled 'Landscape must never be a Design Afterthought!'.

ILI Webinar

In September The ILI continued hosting webinars with one on Inclusive Play in public spaces, green spaces and playgrounds. Many thanks to the speakers: Liam Campbell, co-author of Fingal County Council Play Policy and Jeanette Fich Jespersen, Head of KOMPAN Play Institute. The presentations featured examples of many different play offerings.

ILI 30 Year Exhibition

The ILI 30 Year exhibition traveled to both Waterford and Belfast in the last few months. The SETU Granary Campus, Merchants Quay, Waterford hosted the exhibition in September. In collaboration with the Landscape Institute (NI) branch, the exhibition was displayed at 2 Royal Avenue, Belfast in November. Thank you to Peter Hutchinson, Karen Foley, Bernadette O'Connell, Hazel Dalzell and Anne Doherty for organising the tour. Also, viewable online here. If you know of a suitable venue that would host the exhibition, please get in touch.



IFLA Europe

The ILI continues to be an active participant in IFLA Europe <https://iflaeurope.eu>. We are ably represented by Tony Williams, Róisín Byrne, Putera Rameli, Anne Merkle and Joerg Schulze.

80 people from 28 IFLA Europe member countries participated in the 34th IFLA Europe General Assembly which took place in Naples in October. The 2023 IFLA Europe Award laureate was announced as GIAHS: Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation: <https://www.fao.org/giahs>

UCD

Dr. Jorge Rekittke is the new Head of Landscape Architecture in UCD. Several of the ILI council members have been into Newstead to meet him and the close association between ILI and UCD Landscape Architecture staff and students is set to continue.

Over the last couple of years, Terry Murray has been advocating on behalf of the students embarking on their 3rd Year internships to the great benefit of the students. Any practices who are not involved with the internship programme who wish to be should get in touch: <https://www.irishlandscapeinstitute.com/pages/ucd-internships>

