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Event programme

What's on at the Assembly?

The Standards Board has worked with a panel of monitoring officers and standards committee members to develop this year's programme. It looks in depth at standards in action and gives you the opportunity to share good practice examples and discuss your experiences of managing the practicalities of local assessment.

The Assembly addresses key strategic issues for ethical governance and answers your questions on key areas of the standards framework. It will provide you with the learning and practical resources you need to improve and promote standards and local democracy in your authority.

To find out more about what sessions are on offer, you can download the advance programme in full, or take a look at each day of the advance programme by clicking on the tabs below.

Day 1 - Monday 12 October | Day 2 - Tuesday 13 October

Choosing your breakout sessions

This year there are 21 breakout sessions to choose from. There are also three main plenary sessions which all delegates are encouraged to attend.

The at a glance guide to sessions gives an overview of the sessions available on each day of the Assembly. Please refer to the advance programme for further information on the content of the session and who the session is aimed at.

Feedback from authorities shows that it can be useful to discuss your breakout session choices with colleagues who are also planning to attend. This helps to ensure you do not all attend the same breakout sessions, and your authority gets the benefit of as wide a range of information and training as possible.

Plenary sessions are attended by all delegates and take place in Hall 1. There are three plenaries in this year's conference programme. They include presentations from expert speakers and an opportunity for delegates to ask questions.

Mini plenary sessions include information from expert speakers and an opportunity for questions and answers. Most of these sessions have a maximum attendance of 100.

Workshops and discussion forums take place in smaller halls, with a maximum attendance of 80. These sessions take a practical approach to topics. They give delegates the chance to get hands-on experience, for example by working through case examples.

Q & A sessions take place in smaller halls, with a maximum attendance of 100. They provide an open house for delegates to put questions to a panel of experienced standards committee members and officers, as well as Standards Board staff.

Fringe events are optional. They are run by a range of organisations from the local government family. Click here for further information on fringe events at this year's conference.

Updates on the programme, including information on confirmed speakers, will be added to the site over the coming months, so keep checking back.

What else is happening?

Delegate feedback shows that networking is a key feature of the conference; so once again, there will be many opportunities to share experiences with colleagues, including a conference dinner and dedicated networking areas.

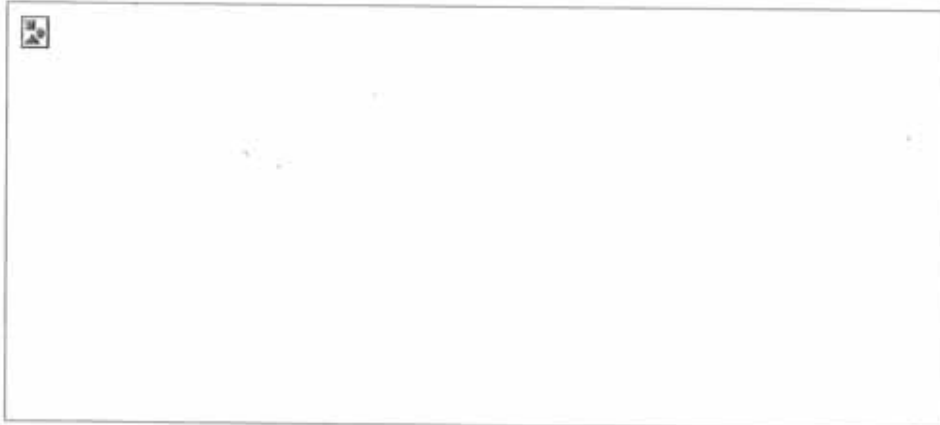
Book now!

This is the most important event of the year for all those working with the Code of Conduct, and demand for places is high. Book online now to ensure you are not disappointed.

If you require a printed copy of the advance programme, please call our event managers, Benedict Business Resources on 01483 205 432.

It may be necessary, for reasons beyond our control, to change the content or timing of the programme, speakers or venue.

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Sessions at a glance

Day 1 - Monday 12 October | Day 2 - Tuesday 13 October

Day 1

Monday 12 October 2009

	09.15- 09.45	10.00- 11.00	12.00- 13.30	14.30- 15.30	16.15- 17.45
Mini plenary Focus on the essentials	•				
Plenary State of the nation		•			
Workshop Practical advice for single purpose authorities			•		
Workshop Other action: Examples and results			•		
Workshop The highly effective standards committee			•		
Workshop Understanding pre-determination and bias			•		
Discussion forum Local assessment: Sharing lessons learnt (monitoring officers)			•		
Discussion forum Local assessment: Sharing lessons learnt (standards committees)			•		
Mini plenary Understanding political parties			•		
Mini plenary Engaging leaders and embedding standards			•		
Plenary The big debate				•	
Workshop Town and parish councils: Capacity building, peer mentoring and compacts					•

Workshop Managing investigations with confidence	•
Workshop Focus on determinations, sanctions and appeals	•
Workshop Putting the public in the picture	•
Workshop Supporting planning and licensing committees	•
Workshop Focus on Code changes	•
Mini plenary Effective joint working: Protocols and practice	•
Mini plenary Standards and partnerships	•

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Day 2

Tuesday 13 October 2009

	09.15- 10.30	11.15- 12.15	13.30- 15.00	15.15- 16.45
Workshop Train the trainer	•			
Discussion forums Sharing good practice (choose from a monitoring officer or a standards committee session)	•			
Plenary On the brink: Coming back from ethical collapse		•		
Workshop Other action: Examples and results			•	
Workshop The highly effective standards committee			•	
Workshop Local standards live			•	
Discussion forums Local assessment: Sharing lessons learnt (monitoring officers)			•	
Discussion forums Local assessment: Sharing lessons learnt (standards committees)			•	
Mini plenary The parish council toolkit			•	
Mini plenary Working together			•	
Mini plenary Engaging leaders and embedding standards			•	
Workshop Managing investigations with confidence				•
Workshop Focus on determinations, sanctions and appeals				•
Workshop Putting the public in the picture				•
Workshop Supporting planning and licensing committees				•
Workshop Focus on Code changes				•
Mini plenary Joined up regulation				•
Mini plenary Effective joint working: Protocols and practice				•
Mini plenary Standards and partnerships				•