

Northern Ireland **Procurement Conference**



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Procurement is an important element of the Northern Ireland economy. Northern Ireland central and local government spends approximately £3 billion per year on procurement, of which £2.7 billion is spent by government departments and their arm's length bodies. Many of Northern Ireland's private sector organisations also spend significant amounts in the local economy. The opportunities and challenges facing procurement must be considered in the future outlook.

The current Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on the local economy and wider society. As we approach the end of the transition year, from January 2021 the UK will have left the EU. Procurement practitioners need to keep up to date with these latest developments and their implications for procurement in your organisation.

agendaNi magazine's annual procurement conference will examine what effective public procurement means for organisations in Northern Ireland. The conference will have a genuine, in-depth understanding of the key issues via a high-level panel of local and visiting speakers.

Discussion topics for 2021 include:

- The changing legal framework for public procurement;
- What will Covid-19 mean for procurement;
- The impact of Brexit for Northern Ireland organisations in terms of procurement;
- Local government procurement;
- Digital procurement;
- Procurement as a strategic and innovative function;
- Procurement across the health sector during Covid-19;
- Engaging the utility supply chain;
- Creating social value in procurement;
- Best practice in procurement: case studies from outside Northern Ireland.

Conference format

The Northern Ireland Procurement Conference 2021 will be using an online platform that will allow speakers and delegates to follow the normal structure of a conference. This will include:

- Chair and speakers on screen during the session
- Speakers will present with slides and video
- A Q&A session with delegates being able to post questions, moderated by the chair
- A chat facility for delegates to network and make comments
- A twitter feed to be visible to all participants
- A 'handout' facility will allow delegates to receive relevant documentation
- IT support for delegates throughout the event
- Access to speaker presentations after the conference



Who should attend?

The Northern Ireland Procurement Conference, alongside hearing expert speakers and taking part in in-depth Q&A sessions, presents the opportunity to network virtually with those involved in procurement throughout Northern Ireland. Procurement professionals and those working in other advisory roles from organisations across the public, private and voluntary/community sectors will be at the conference, including:

- Chief Executives / Executive Directors
- Board members / Non-Executive Directors
- Purchasing officers / managers
- Compliance officers / managers
- Finance Directors
- Legal and financial advisors
- Other procurement professionals

Conference programme

0900 Chairman: **Owen McQuade**
Managing Editor, **agendaNI**

Public procurement in Northern Ireland

Sharon Smyth
Director of Supplies and Services
Central Procurement Directorate

Long tail, big savings: Digital unlocks hidden value in procurement

Riccardo Drentin
Partner
and **Livia McHauser**
Engagement Manager
McKinsey & Company

Procurement as an enabler for innovation in health and social care

Peter Wilson
Assistant Director
Business Services Organisation

Procurement in Ireland: Challenges and opportunities

Paul Quinn
CEO
Office of Government Procurement Ireland

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1045 Morning break

1115 *Local government and procurement in Scotland*

Julie Welsh
Chief Executive
Scotland Excel

Major Capital Projects in Northern Ireland

Pamela McCreedy
Chief Operating Officer
NI Audit Office

Social value in procurement

Colin Jess
Director
Social Enterprise NI

Effective local government procurement

Local government speaker tbc

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1300 Chairman's summary and conference close



Registration form

I wish to:

- ☐ Reserve ____ places at the Northern Ireland Procurement Conference
Delegate fee £175 + VAT @ 20% = £210
Public sector and local government delegate fee £145 + VAT @ 20% = £174
- ☐ Receive details of exhibition opportunities at the conference
- ☐ Receive details of future agendaNi events and publications

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Benefits of attending

Delegates attending the conference will:

- ✓ Hear the latest priorities for procurement policy
- ✓ Discuss the impact of Brexit
- ✓ Talk about the legal framework for procurement
- ✓ Learn how you can develop a sustainable procurement strategy for your organisation
- ✓ Focus on socially responsible public procurement
- ✓ Hear directly from procurement professionals across a number of sectors

Acknowledgement of registration

Confirmation of registration will be emailed to all delegates, following receipt of registration details. If you have not received your acknowledgement within 48 hours of registering, please contact agendaNi to confirm your registration. Email: registration@agendani.com

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