

LALC Training Bulletin—March 2024



Welcome to our monthly training bulletin.

Please share this with your councillors and other staff.

What's New This Month?



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Allotments Training

If you would be interested in Allotments Training, please register your interest via enquiries@lalc.co.uk. Once there is sufficient demand, we will look to organise a course.

Mentoring

Although we offer New Clerk training, LALC may also be able to offer one to one mentoring for new clerks. This usually consists of a number of phone or video conference sessions providing support and guidance as required. Sessions are charged at £20 plus VAT per hour. Contact us for enquiries.

Internal Audit

LALC can offer an Internal Audit service for its councils. This will consist of a mid-year audit to go through your governance in depth, and a light-touch audit at year-end enabling you to confidently sign off the AGAR. When you request an audit, we'll contact you to discuss what you need, agree the terms of service with you and then put you in touch with your internal auditor.

All our internal auditors are experienced clerks who will follow the guidance and process as per the JPAG Practitioners' Guide (Section 4—Best practice guidance for internal audit).

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Course	Description	Date(s)	Location
Councillor Induction & Refresher	Aimed at councillors with or without any experience, covering topics such as:	19th March 18:00—21:00	Zoom
	 The role of the council and councillors Legal obligations and the 	30th April 18:00—21:00	Zoom
*	 employer role Finance · Risk management Code of conduct 	5th June 18:00—21:00	LALC Office Dunholme Old School Market Rasen Road
New date	Declarations of interestCommunity engagementTransparency code obligations		Dunholme LN2 3QR
JADU Basics	For clerks without any previous JADU experience who would like to manage their own Lincolnshire County Council Website.	Awaiting new date	Skype
Chair's Workshop	This training session will suit Chairs of parish and town councils, Chairs of Committees and Vice Chairs.	6th March 18:00—21:00	Zoom
	 Topics covered will include: Skills required Managing meetings Working with the Clerk, other councillors and officers Planning for success Understanding your Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct Accountability Community engagement 	4th June 18:00—21:00	

Course	Description	Date(s)	Location
JADU Advanced	For clerks who have already received JADU training and who are already managing their Lincolnshire County Council website.	22nd March 10:00—12:30	Skype
Emergency Planning & Resilience	Join us for an interesting and informative day at the County Emergency Centre in Lincoln. This will focus on the resilience programme and how groups and individuals can get involved. Topics covered: • What is an emergency • Who is Lincs Fire & Rescue • What is emergency planning • Emergency plan development • Training available: • Responder Zero • Flood awareness • Operational response • Rest centre management • Recovery opportunities • Ready for Anything Volunteers Other speakers including the Lincs Fire & Rescue Drone Pilot (explaining the drone's capability during flooding) and a representative from British Red Cross will be in attendance together with further speakers to be confirmed. Please note that attendees will need to supply car registration numbers to LALC prior to the day.	16th April 10:00—16:00	Fire & Rescue - County Emergency Centre South Park Avenue Lincoln LN5 8EL

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JADU Advanced	For clerks who have already received JADU training and who are already managing their Lincolnshire County Council website.	22nd March 10:00—12:30	Skype
End of Year & Audit Processes Briefing New date	Essential for new clerks and an excellent refresher for existing clerks, covering: Internal Controls Internal Audit External Audit End Of Year AGAR End Of Year Documents Publication Transparency Code Common Mistakes	26th March 10:00—13:00	Zoom
New Clerk's Induction New date	New Clerk's Induction Day, covering key points and duties for the Clerk's role. New Clerks may also want to consider attending Effective Meetings and End of Year & Audit Processes Briefing training.	8th May 10:00—16:00	LALC Office Dunholme Old School Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR
Effective Meetings New date	Ideal for new clerks and an excellent refresher for existing clerks, covering: Agendas Apologies Interests Role of the Chair & Clerk Standing Orders Public Participation Recording & Broadcasting Confidential Matters Minutes Annual Parish Meetings Annual Parish Council Meeting Common Pitfalls	16th May 18:00—21:00	Zoom

LALC in conjunction with Anglian Water are pleased to announce a special opportunity to take a tour of the Water Recycling Centre (Sewage Treatment Works) in Lincoln.



Date: 20th March 2024, 9:45 for 10:00 start

Location: Water Recycling Centre, Washingborough Road, Lincoln, LN1 1EF

Duration: The tour takes approximately 2 hours including Q&A and coffee and biscuits.

Places are **strictly limited** to 8 people as this is an operational site. Book in the usual way via the LALC portal.

Special instructions:

Strong footwear and hi-viz are required (but could be provided if necessary). There will be quite a bit of walking, uneven surfaces and climbing of steps/being at height on metal walkways.

Enter by Gate 1 (nearest the bowling alley), park in the staff car park and report to Reception.

Councillors from Heighington Parish Council recently took the tour:

"This was very informative and I could recommend it to other LALC members". "This was an informative and well organised tour. We gained a valuable insight into this vital part of our infrastructure which we all take for granted. Our thanks go to the Anglian Water staff who made this visit possible for us." "The progress of waste water to water fit to go into the River Witham is really interesting. To see all the processes in action was a revelation." "Well worth attending".



Employment briefing: New employment rights being introduced from April 2024	Personnel	
Delivered by:	Advice & Solutions Ltd	(Chris Moses)

Description	Date(s)	Location
 April 2024 sees the introduction of a number of new employment rights for your Employees, including: The right to request changes to their hours of work, as well as to work from home, from day one of their employment. Employers will have to 	24th April 10:00—11:00	Zoom
comply with new statutory requirements to respond to such requests, or risk possible claims at the Employment Tribunal for Constructive Dismissal (without 2 years service) and discrimination.		
Rights for Carers to have additional unpaid leave.		
Changes to how holiday pay is calculated and paid.		
To enable Councils to respond to these new entitlements, and to update their terms and conditions of employment, this 1 hour Zoom meeting will provide members with the information they need to know.		

Check out the Chris Moses podcasts produced as part of the Civility & Respect project



Podcast #1 — **Building an effective personnel committee**: Chris explains the importance of ensuring local councils have an effective personnel committee, what the responsibilities of the committee are and gives an overview of the critical issues.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXhfwMoVJ1g

Podcast #2 — **Recruitment:** Chris covers the critical considerations for councils about recruitment.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOMDep nWJU

Podcast #3 — **Handling grievances:** Chris covers the critical considerations for councils about handling grievances. This is an introduction to the subject and should be viewed alongside current grievance policies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPj4d8t2T1o

Podcast #4 — **Handling disciplinary situations:** Chris covers some of the critical considerations for councils about handling disciplinary situations. This is an introduction to the subject and should be viewed alongside current grievance policies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m64iq42W2Xo

Podcast #5 — **Appraisals:** Chris covers some of the critical considerations for councils about appraisals. This is an introduction to the subject.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XEUWe1YZgM

Podcast #6 — **Sickness and absence:** Chris covers some of the critical considerations for councils concerning sickness and absence management. This is an introduction to the subject. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6PVMOW1dmE

Finance—delivered by:

All sessions held via Zoom 10:00—11:40am unless otherwise specified*



Course	Description	Date(s)
VAT for VAT registered councils	For clerks, finance staff and councillors from councils that are VAT registered, who wish to develop their knowledge.	Awaiting new dates
	This session explains when and how VAT registered local councils charge VAT, when they can reclaim it and when they can't. Essential for any council contemplating major building projects.	
Finance for Councillors	This session is for councillors only and is designed to give them a greater understanding of their duties with regard to the council's finances.	Awaiting new dates
	Topics include: Roles and responsibilities; setting a budget and precept; Financial control; The Annual Governance & Accountability Return; Internal and external audit; How VAT applies to local councils	
New clerk's finance	This session is for inexperienced clerks in their first few months and is designed to give them an overview of a council's year, along with a basic understanding of the RFO's role.	Awaiting new dates
	Topics include: Roles and responsibilities; Setting a budget and precept; Internal control; The Annual Governance & Accountability Return; Internal and external audit.	
VAT—Partial exemption	For clerks, finance staff and councillors of councils that lease or hire out land and buildings such as village halls, community centres, meeting rooms, sports facilities or markets, who need to understand when their council is at risk of not being able to reclaim VAT.	Awaiting new dates
	Essential for any council contemplating major building projects, or incurring significant expenditure on running these facilities. Intended for those who already understand the rules of VAT and need to work out whether their council can reclaim VAT in relation to its use of land.	

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Course	Description	Date(s)
VAT for unregistered councils (VAT126)	For clerks, finance staff and councillors from councils that are not VAT registered, but reclaim VAT using Form VAT126. This session explains how VAT affects local councils. Essential for any council contemplating major building projects. Topics include: How VAT law applies to local councils Where to find the law and guidance Business and non-business activities Understanding whether sales are taxable or exempt from VAT When a council must register for VAT When VAT can be reclaimed Partial exemption Reclaiming VAT when using grants and donations	21st March
Procurement	For anyone involved in procuring goods and services, preparing tenders or entering into contracts on behalf of local councils. This session is an introduction to the basics of procurement for local councils: Inviting quotes Producing specifications and tender documentation Achieving competition and value for money Managing contracts.	Awaiting new dates
Budgeting for clerks and finance staff	This session is aimed at officers of parish and town councils, who are involved in preparing and monitoring budgets. Topics include: • Setting a budget and precept • Contingencies and reserves • How the council tax base affects the budget • Inflation • Budget monitoring	Awaiting new dates

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Internal controls	This session give councillors and clerks an understanding of the need for internal controls and how they work, with practical examples and case studies. Topics include: Roles and responsibilities Financial risks Purpose of internal controls Case studies Examples of controls Review of internal controls	Awaiting new dates
Year end & audit (Councils over £25,000)	For officers who want to understand how to prepare their council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return and comply with the requirements of the audit process. This session does NOT cover exemption from audit or the Transparency Code for smaller Authorities. This session introduces the Annual Return and the stages of the audit process, enabling you to complete all the relevant steps correctly.	14th March 26th March
Year end & transparency (Councils under £25,000)	For officers who want to understand how to prepare and publish their council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return on a receipts and payments basis, complying with the Accounts & Audit Regulations and the Transparency Code for Smaller authorities. This session introduces the Annual Return and the stages of the audit process, enabling you to complete all the relevant steps correctly. It includes additional information on exemption from audit and transparency, only applicable to councils with annual receipts and payments of less than £25,000.	19th March
Income & expenditure accounting (for larger councils)	For officers who want to understand how to prepare their council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return on an income and expenditure basis (mandatory for councils regularly spending over £200,000) and comply with the requirements of the audit process. This session explains how to convert receipts & payments to income & expenditure accounts, how this affects the Annual Return and the timing of year-end activities and the audit process, enabling you to complete all the relevant steps correctly.	12th March

Contact LALC to book Parkinson Partnership training—these cannot be booked via the LALC website

Council Communications

All sessions held via Zoom. 1.5-2 hours. £25 plus VAT for dates up to 31st March. £30 plus VAT for dates from 1st April.



Course	Description	Date(s)
Communicating with your community part 1: creating a communications strategy	Every local council should have a communications strategy. It should set out its communications priorities, aims and goals. In this session, we will consider how your council could create an effective communication strategy. One that is sustainable and supports your council. A strategy that considers your council's human and financial resources.	2nd April 13:00 1st May 9:30
Communicating with your community part 2: engaging with your community	This session will focus on putting your council's communication plan into action. On how your council could connect with the community it represents. We will consider the ways your councils can communicate effectively and build conversations. We will equip you with tools and techniques to start engaging and getting messages across.	14th March 13:00 9th April 13:00 8th May 9:30
How councils can recruit a more diverse pool of local councillors	How can you find and encourage a more diverse pool of people to stand or be co-opted as town or parish councillors? It is increasingly hard to find people who are willing to put their names forward either at election time or to be co-opted. Explore effective ways councils and councillors can engage people over time, building up their awareness and interest in the work of the council, in order to better promote and demystify the role of a councillor.	26th March 9:30
How councils can more effectively engage with young people in their communities	Councils often find it challenging to connect with young people. In this session, we will define "young people." Consider the issues important to 'young people.' Explore effective ways to engage online and offline. We will also offer insights on forming partnerships with local youth organisations.	20th March 13:00 23rd April 9:30 23rd May 13:00
Dealing with difficult people and conversations in our local councils	Handling professional relationships within local councils is critical. However, it can be tough dealing with challenging people and situations. In this session, we discuss practical techniques for managing difficult conversations and situations.	27th March 9:30 30th April 9:30 20th May 13:00

Book Breakthrough Communications training via:

https://breakthroughcomms.co.uk/calc-training-events/

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Get the most from local and regional media	Local newspapers, magazines, regional TV, and radio offer local councils a way to communicate with residents. However, dealing with journalists and the media can be intimidating. In this session we will consider how to establish positive relationships with journalists. How to write impactful press releases. Ensure that your council gets regular and positive coverage in your local media.	12th March 9:30 3rd May 13:00
Crisis communications for local councils	A crisis could strike at any point. Anything from flooding to a meeting going viral. There are many ways in which you could find yourself in the eye of the media storm. This session takes participants through the detail of preparing for any crisis. Passing on expert tips and guidance on being prepared. On the effective steps your council could take should the worst happen.	20th March 9:30 2nd May 13:00
Social media part 1: Getting started with social media for local councils	Social media is a great tool for councils to use to improve their communication. In this session you will learn the basics and how to get started right. We will focus on creating a social media strategy and the basics of Facebook. Our goal is to share with you time-saving tools and techniques. Hopefully, this will help you and your council to be more confident using social media.	15th March 9:30 4th April 9:30 7th May 13:00
Social media part 2: Advanced social media strategies and tactics for local councils	Councils often use different social media platforms to connect with the community. This session explores a wide range of social media platforms. There will be a focus on how to get the most from key social media platforms. Exploring the ways of ensuring that social media supports your council to achieve its goals and aims. We will also introduce you to social media advertising.	28th March 9:30 11th April 9:30 14th May 13:00
Councillors training: Social media skills for parish and town councillors	It has never been more important for councillors to understand social media. In the session we will go through the confusing world of social media communications. It is designed for both social media users and those new to it. During the session you will learn where to focus your time and effort. We will point out the pitfalls. Consider difficult situations. Most importantly we will help you as a councillor to get the most from social media.	18th March 19:00 29th April 18:30 28th May 19:00

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Emotional intelligence and resilience in practice for clerks, councillors and officers This a practical workshop to help you thrive in your councillors and officers with an understanding of where our behaviour comes from, we consider what resilience means in the context of our council roles and how to build emotional intelligence. We'll explore council-focused scenarios and how best to respond to each of them.		25th March 18:30
Councillors training: Chairing council and public meetings effectively	The effective chairing of meetings is a good skill for a councillor to have. This session is for councillors that have been recently elected. It is also aimed at those wanting a refresher. During the session we will consider how to effectively prepare for meetings. How to get the most out of the meetings you chair and dealing with tricky situations.	26th March 18:30 25th April 18:30 20th May 18:30
Canva Part 1—Getting started	Canva is a design tool that can be used for free. It allows you to quickly create posters, newsletters, and other physical documents. You can also create images and videos for social media and websites. This session is for people who have never used Canva before. We will go through the basics and show you how to get the most out of the free version. Our goal is to get you started with Canva and to help your Council to communicate better.	19th March 13:00 12th April 9:30 9th May 13:00
Canva Part 2—Advanced	During the session we will focus on the advanced features of Canva. This session is for experienced users of it. In part 2 of our Canva training we will show you how your Council can get more out of it. For instance, creating complex designs and a brand for your Council. We will also cover integrating Canva with social media. There will be a particular focus on creating social media videos and using the scheduling tools.	21st March 9:30 24th April 13:00 16th May 13:00

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Courses delivered directly by LALC or partners

CiLCA	Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils		CiLCA COGNISED TRAINER
Description	Date(s)	Fee	Location
Introductory session available for candidates to decide whether they are ready to pursue this qualification. To obtain CiLCA it is advisable that you have at least 12-months' experience of local government procedures. This is a Level 3 qualification equivalent to A' Level standard and you will need approximately 200 hours to complete your portfolio.	18th September 13:00—16:00	Introductory session is free.	LALC Office Dunholme Old School Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR
To attend the formal CiLCA training sessions (below), the LALC fee applies. This fee includes 6-months' mentoring.		£275 plus VAT	
When you are ready to register for the CiLCA qualification, the SLCC fee will apply. (Payable direct to SLCC).		£450 (no VAT)	

FTF sessions are held at the LALC Office: Dunholme Old School, Market Rasen Road, Dunholme, LN2 3QR

CiLCA Day 1 (FTF): LO1—LO10	9th October, 10:00—16:00
CiLCA Day 2 (FTF): LO11—LO20	6th November, 10:00—16:00
CiLCA Day 3 (FTF): LO21—LO30	4th December, 10:00—16:00

Remote sessions are all held via Zoom

CiLCA Day 1 (Remote): LO1—LO5	
CiLCA Day 2 (Remote): LO6—LO10	13th March, 10:00
CiLCA Day 3 (Remote): LO11—LO15	17th April, 10:00
CiLCA Day 4 (Remote): LO16—LO20	1st May, 10:00
CiLCA Day 5 (Remote): LO21—LO25	12th June, 10:00
CiLCA Day 6 (Remote): LO26—LO30	17th July , 10:00

Offerings from LALC partners

Dispute Resolution Programme

Personnel
Advice &
Solutions Ltd

(Chris Moses)

Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd has produced a Dispute Resolution Programme aimed at councils struggling with employment issues. The purpose of the programme is to help councillors understand their role as employers, the employment laws that affect how they carry out that role, and practical steps to address employment disputes. The programme consists of three separate 30 minute Zoom recordings that can be sent to the council, and then distributed to all councillors for them to watch in their own time.

For further details contact p.d.solutions@zen.co.uk

Module	Description	Fee
1—Awareness	Helps councillors and employees understand their role as employers and managers and understand what they can and cannot do. It explains the unique working environment that makes town and parish Councils very different from other employers, and how that environment is prone to disputes.	£150 + VAT
2—Legal issues	Explains what a Council's legal obligations are, the need to comply with statutory guidelines, and the current legal framework that determines how disputes can be addressed in town and parish councils. It addresses: The causes of conflict and disputes; What legal action can be taken against councils and councillors who mismanage employee disputes; Understanding the ACAS Guidelines and requirements of the Localism Act 2011 for resolving employee disputes and Code of Conduct complaints.	£150 + VAT
3—Practical issues	Helps Councils to work within the spirit of the ACAS Guidelines to resolve disputes between councillors and employees, as well as fully comply with all of their legal obligations. It discusses various informal options to resolve the problem. Plus if the matter has to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer, it helps Councils to effectively support employees through that process. Including: The importance of employment procedures that are fair and transparent, right for small organisations and understood by all parties, as required by the ACAS Guidelines; Understanding the difference between a Grievance and a Code of Conduct complaint; Steps to support an employee whose health is affected by a dispute; Supporting an employee to make a balanced, evidenced and professional complaint to the Monitoring Officer, if necessary and appropriate.	£150 + VAT
Ad-hoc Zoom session	We can also conduct a Zoom meeting (30 – 60 minutes), with Councils to discuss the points covered by these modules.	£250 + VAT

Play Inspections —delivered by:

£65 plus VAT—no EXAM £175 plus VAT—with EXAM



Date(s)	Venue
13th March	Washingborough
9:30—16:00	Community Centre
	The Sports Pavilion
SOLD OUT	Fen Road
	Washingborough
	LN4 1AB
	13th March 9:30—16:00 SOLD OUT

Emergency First Aid At Work —delivered by: £72.50 plus VAT	MEDROCK TRAINING	
Description	Date	Venue
Upon completion participants will receive a certificate, in recognition of demonstrating competence in Emergency First Aid at Work. The certificate is valid for 3 years.	14th May 9:30—16:30 24th September 9:30—16:30	Dunholme Old School 8 Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR

An evening with Paul Drury

£10 plus VAT



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Description	Date(s)	Venue
In the first of our "An evening with" series, join us for this exciting opportunity to spend an evening with - PAUL DRURY	23rd April 18:00—21:00	The Heath Village Hall & Library Bracebridge Heath LN4 2LB
Paul will be talking about Volunteering, Social Prescribing and the Armed Forces Covenant relaunch amongst other things.		
Paul is now a Trustee for third sector organisations.		
Prior to retiring in 2022, Paul worked as the Prevent Officer within the Safer Communities Team for Lincolnshire County Council. He had responsibility for a number of areas, such as lead local authority officer for Prevent, Counter Extremism and Hate Crime. He also Chairs the Community Emergency Cell for the Lincolnshire Local Resilience Forum.		
Prior to this role, Paul was the Engagement Officer for Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS).		
Paul served with the Royal Air Force as a fire-fighter for 28 years before coming into his first community engagement role in 2003, as the Area Manager for the Goodwin Trust (Hull) community wardens, working in the most deprived areas of the City and then with Hull City Council as a community participation officer and with the East Riding Council as the manager for the Local Action Teams, which encompassed community engagement activities across the council region.		

Allotment Management & Inspection practical training



£35 plus VAT—for electorate under 2000 £45 plus VAT—for electorate over 2000 Lunch is included



Description	Date(s)	Venue
This event has been organised by our colleagues at ERNLLCA (East Riding & Northern Lincolnshire Local Council Association) and is open to Lincolnshire councils who may want to attend. The training will focus on non-compliance and putting knowledge into practice. The session is suitable to both clerks/officers and councillors involved in allotment management and decision making. The course will be split into two. Part one will be 'classroom based' and focus on allotment legislation and management. Including: Cultivation policy; Site rules; Plot	Date(s) 25th April 10:30 – 15:00	Lakeview Room Waters Edge Business Centre Maltkiln Road Barton-upon-Humber DN18 5JR
inspections; Appeals Part two will be an in person visit to an allotment in Barton upon Humber. During this part of the session trainers from the National Allotment Society will show delegates how to conduct effective inspections and use the knowledge they have gained in the classroom to apply in practise. The day will enable you to ask the experts and get advice about your allotments. If your council is having trouble with allotment management, disputes, or		
Inspections this training session will be helpful. Please bring appropriate clothing for outdoor inspections. It will involve a drive to the site. To book: https://bookwhen.com/ernllca/e/ev-sdon-20240425103000		

Cemetery & Crematorium Management — delivered by:



Price £60 plus VAT (for both sessions)

Description	Date	Venue
This is a two-part training and delegates are expected to attend both sessions .	Part 1: 30th April 9:15—12:30	MS TEAMS
Course overview:		
Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 (LACO); General	Part 2:	
powers of management Compliance Registers and records;	1st May	
Granting and extending exclusive rights of burial; Consent;	9:15—12:30	
Avoiding disputes; Burials; depth, shallow graves;		
Administration processes; Grave digging – procedures,		
preparations, backfilling; Memorials Creating burial space;		
Exhumation Transfer of exclusive rights of burial		
Suitable for: cemetery staff at all levels, and those with a		
responsibility for cemeteries but who are not involved in		
their day-to-day management.		

Memorial Management & Inspections—delivered by:



Price £72.50 plus VAT

Description	Date(s)	Venue
Course Overview: Scope of the problem; Legal/health & safety issues	10th September 10:00—16:00	Dunholme Old School 8 Market Rasen Road Dunholme
Inspection of memorials: How to start; Initial		Lincoln
inspection; Inspection forms; The inspection - visual &		LN2 3QR
physical; Actions; Programme of work; Consecrated ground (England only); Other considerations and guidance (MoJ/HSE guidance)		
Codes of practice, Registration Schemes, Right to end a memorial, Unauthorised memorials, Practical inspections.		
Suitable for: anyone involved in managing or working in a cemetery, or with responsibility for cemeteries.		
The afternoon session will take place in a cemetery, therefore suitable outdoor clothing must be worn, together with sensible boots or shoes.		

Courses delivered directly by LALC or partners

eLearning - delivered by	<i>y</i> :	oimblo	
£25 plus VAT per course.		nimble	
Essential Skills			
Course	Description		
Anti-bribery essentials	 and advice on stayir you should be able Define bribery Understand the Recognise what Know the six pr bribery policies 	 Understand the Bribery Act 2010 and the penalties for breaking the law Recognise what constitutes a crime under the Bribery Act Know the six principles organisations should follow when designing their bribery policies and procedures 	
Anti-money laundering essentials	identify and prevent be able to: Describe what it Understand UK what they cove Explain how to	 Describe what money laundering is and how it is done Understand UK legislation and regulations regarding money laundering and what they cover Explain how to prevent money laundering Recognise the consequences of non-compliance with anti-money laundering 	
Customer service essentials	 'customer service to complaint resolution Understand the interactions Communicate r to face, and in v Provide a bette 'toolkit' Understand the 	 interactions Communicate more persuasively and effectively via the phone, video calls, face to face, and in writing Provide a better level of customer service by using your customer service skills 'toolkit' 	
Data Protection essentials	 This course covers data protection regulations in the UK and provides essential training for anyone who is in the position of processing personal data. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise why fair and effective data management is important to individuals and society as a whole Understand relevant data protections legislation and regulations, along with the penalties for breaching these Work with information in a way that doesn't breach the date protection principles and individuals' rights Respond to requests for information from individuals in a way that is legal and effective 		

Contact LALC to book Nimble eLearning—these cannot be booked via the LALC website

eLearning - delivered by £25 plus VAT per course.		nimble
Essential Skills		
Course	Description	
Display Screen Equipment (DSE) workstation assessment essentials	This course addresses the health and safety requirements of DSE and advises on posture and safe working techniques. You will learn how to complete your own DSE risk assessment that you can provide to your employer. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Understand the importance of DSE workstation assessment • Identify whether you are a high, medium or low-risk user • Recognise the effects of poor posture • Adjust your posture so that you have a good posture while working • Adjust your workstation to suit you • Carry out a DSE risk assessment	
Environmental awareness essentials	This course addresses the environmental crisis and looks at what businesses can do to reduce their impact on climate change and other pressing environmental issues. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise the benefits of a greener approach to your working practices Know how positive action in the workplace can make a difference to our environment Take steps to reduce the negative impact your workplace can have on the environment Make waste management choices that are better for the planet	
Equality, diversity and inclusion essentials	This course addresses threats to equality such as discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and looks at how you can promote fairness, diversity and inclusion at work. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Understand what is meant by 'equality', 'diversity' and 'inclusion', and recognise how they benefit us • Identify who is protected by the Equality Act, and explain what happens if their rights are compromised • Recognise discrimination and other unfair practices in the workplace and know how to act on them • Understand what you can do yourself to promote equality, diversity and inclusion	
Fire safety essentials	environment and when work procedures and provides and regulations. By the end of thi Understand employers' in Prevent fires by using the Identify fire safety signs are in your workplace Identify fire safety equip Recognise the need to pe	sentials of fire safety awareness in the office king from home. It explores best practice fire safety overview of the equipment required under fire safety is course, you should be able to: responsibilities under fire safety law e fire triangle theory and appreciate the importance of knowing where they ment and understand how it should be used eriodically check fire safety procedures procedures in place for your organisation

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Essential Skills		
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Freedom of information essentials	 This course addresses the essentials of the Freedom of Information Act, highlighting who it applies to and how to handle and respond to different types of requests for information. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise when and where the main provisions of the Freedom of Information Act apply Understand the types of information that will be shared in an organisation's publication scheme Make or handle requests for information in an appropriate way Understand the rights of individuals under the Act and the consequences of not complying with the legislation 	
Health and safety essentials	This course provides an understanding of potential health and safety issues at work, the legislation surrounding it, and how to improve safety in your workplace. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise what health and safety is important for individuals, employers and society as a whole Understand the frameworks of health and safety legislation Recognise the responsibilities your employer has for your health and safety Use a range of health and safety techniques and good practice to help keep yourself safe at work (and beyond)	
Home working essentials	This course offers guidance on effective home working, and covers workspace set-up, safety at home, communicating remotely, and maintaining productivity. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise the characteristics of an effective home working environment Develop and maintain safe home working behaviours Maintain effective information security and data protection practices Understand the important of good communication when working remotely Identify practical strategies to increase your productivity Recognise the importance of looking after your mental health and wellbeing	
Human factors essentials	This course explores the role and impact of human error in the workplace. You'll learn how to manage common 'error traps' and understand which Human Performance (HuP) tools you can use to mitigate error traps that can't be removed. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Understand the main types of errors that humans make Identify key workplace error traps in order to remove or manage them Recognise which Human Performance (HuP) tools can be used to mitigate error traps that can's be removed	

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Essential Skills			
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Information security awareness essentials	 and explores best p work. By the end of Recognise why Identify secure Protect information Improve your a 	 Identify secure working practices to safeguard company data Protect information when working remotely and on mobile devise Improve your awareness of online risks and how to stay safe on the internet 	
Manual handling essentials	or lifting tasks, and the end of this cour. Recognise the part of the end of this cour. Appreciate the Assess a range of Plan moving an Use safer technical the end of the end	 Appreciate the importance of keeping yourself and colleagues safe from risk Assess a range of manual handling factors and take steps to reduce risks Plan moving and lifting tasks more effectively 	
Menopause essentials	Menopause sympto lack of understandir symptoms and underworkplace. By the e Recognise how	Take steps to dicate a mere supporting from place for these experiences.	
Modern slavery essentials	This course explores the concept of modern day slavery and addresses the signs that might suggest a vulnerable person is being exploited. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Appreciate the extent of modern slavery in the UK and the many forms it takes • Recognise the factors that can increase a person's risk of exploitation • Spot signs of modern slavery and human trafficking that can help them identify potential victims • Understand the measures available to punish perpetrators and support potential victims • Report their suspicions or concerns to the appropriate organisation		

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Essential Skills		
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Personal safety essentials	This course seeks to improve personal safety awareness and provides tips and advice on how to keep yourself at work, at home, in public places and while travelling. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise the importance of confidence and preparation in staying safe Understand how reducing 'opportunity' for criminals increases safety Avoid situations and environments that may place you at greater risk Practice safe behaviours at work, home, in public, and while travelling Know what to do if you feel unwell or become a victim of crime	
Stress management essentials	This course explains what stress is, looks at ways to reduce stress and offers coping strategies to better manage stress levels. By the end of this course, your should be able to: Understand and identify stress and why it can be detrimental for you Identify stress and stressors in yourself and others Reduce your exposure to stress Develop your own Wellness Action Plan Implement coping strategies in your work and personal life	
Team leadership essentials	This course explores what it means to be an effective team leader by examining leadership styles and the essential skills required to get a team to thrive under your directions. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Understand your own leadership style Apply your knowledge of leadership styles in different situations Know how to build relationships and engage your team members Identify and employ effective team leadership skills and techniques	
Time management essentials	This course will help you claim back control of your time with easy-to-implement techniques that will help you better manager and organise your daily workload, making you more productive in your role and, by default, everyday life. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Understand why good time management is important Recognise common challenges to effective time management Apply techniques to improve your own time management skills	
Working at height essentials	This course helps to identify activities that are classed as work at height under the law. It demonstrates how employers and employees need to work together under the Working at Heigh Regulations (2005) to implement safety measures, assess risks and follow best practice for any work performed at height. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recall which type of activities classify as 'work at height' (WaH) Recognise your employer's and your own responsibilities under the Work at Height Regulations 2005 (WaH) Identify risks most commonly associated with working at height Plan a safe approach to performing work at height Use stepladders and leaning ladders safely	

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COSHH Essentials	Every year, thousands of workers suffer from illnesses caused by hazardous substances in the workplace. By the end of this course, learners should be able to: Explain what COSHH is and why it's important in the workplace Identify and interpret the hazard symbols used in COSHH Recognise hazardous substances you might encounter at work and understand their risks to your health Use control measures and safe handling to minimise your exposure to hazardous substances	
Infection Control Essentials	This course covers the fundamentals of how to slow the spread of those harmful microbes which can make us unwell. T he online learning is aimed at anyone who might come into contact with infections during their work. Reducing the spread of everyday illnesses is desirable for everyone. We all want fewer periods of illness and less risk of passing infection on to others!	
Unconscious Bias Essentials	Have you ever jumped to the wrong conclusion or misjudged someone you just met? We all do it, with just about everyone we come across. We make snap judgements about people based on the very little information we know about them. And mostly, we do it without even knowing. Our unconscious biases can have a big influence on how we feel about people and affect the decisions we make every day. Because these biases are often rooted in inaccurate or incomplete information, they can lead to unfair assumptions and poor decision-making, without us realising. This course aims to increase your awareness of unconscious bias and give practical tips on how you can reduce the effect it has on your decisions, attitudes and behaviour.	

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Local (parish and town) council courses		
Course	Description	
Introduction to local councils	This course was developed by Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) and is suitable for new councillors and council officers. It includes a range of activities to help you develop your knowledge of parish and town councils. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Understand the role of the local councillor Identify the council's purpose Appreciate how decision are made Identify the principles of public life Recognise the council's legal context Understand how the council manages its money	
Introduction to planning for local councils	This course was developed by Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) and is suitable for new councillors and council officers. It includes a range of activities to help you develop your knowledge of parish and town councils. By the end of this course, you should know: What is planning? Role of the Parish Council What is controlled by planning Types of planning applications Material & non-material considerations The parish council recommendation Planning conditions Developer contributions	
Understanding precepts	This course was developed by Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) and is suitable for councillors, clerks and other officers who may be new to the role or would like information on what the precept is and how it works for the council. By the end of this course, you should know: • What a precept is and how a Parish Council receives it • What a Parish Council needs to do in preparation for setting it • How a Parish Council can justify the money it seeks • Who should be consulted	

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Course	Description	
Standards in public life Civility 8 Respect N COLABORATION WITH SLCC NALC OWN. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	This module is primarily designed to support those elected or co-opted and/or working in local councils, to understand the principles of conduct expected of all councillors. Information is based upon national model code of conduct produced by The Local Government Association but recognises that councillors must abide by your own council's code of conduct, and so also provides some generic support for those wishing to better understand the behaviours expected of all councillors.	
Respectful and positive social media for councils and councillors Civility 8 Respect	This introductory module from Breakthrough Communications will consider the opportunities and risks associated with social media from a civility and respect perspective. It will explore a range of proactive and pre-emptive strategies councils and councillors can put in place to set themselves up for success. It will explore what to do if things go wrong and how to manage a range of scenarios from trolling to harassment and what practical steps you can take,	
Leadership in challenging situations for councils and councillors Civility 8 Respect	This introductory module from Breakthrough Communications will consider different leadership styles in the context of your role at the council, exploring which styles we personally 'default' to and which styles can work effectively for different situations. It will also discover how to build, support and get the most from an effective and motivated team.	
An introduction to emotional Intelligence and personal resilience Civility 8 Respect NI COLLABORATION WITH SLICE, NAILE, OVAL COURTY ASSOCIATIONS	This introductory module from Breakthrough Communications will develop a better understanding of where our behaviour comes from and will consider what emotional intelligence and resilience means for us in the context of our roles within the council. There will be opportunities to explore role-focussed scenarios and consider how we might respond to them. It will also explore strategies to deal with and manage a range of situations.	

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An introduction to changing behaviours Civility 8 Respect N COLLABORATION WITH SLCC. NAIL, OVEN, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	Best-selling author and leading authority on resilience and behavioural agility, Liggy Webb, teaches us how we can rewire our brains to form new neural connections, freeing ourselves from pre-learnt behaviours to bring about positive change. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Be aware of how habits and behaviours form Understand the psychological habit loop Identify and focus on what you want to change Set yourself an action plan to make positive behavioural changes	
An introduction to resilience Civility 8 Respect N COLABORATION WITH SLCC. MALC. CHAV. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	Webb, brings us the personal resilience the end of this cour Understand the Be more aware Think positively	and leading authority on resilience and behavioural agility, Liggy a core principles and practical advice needed to build our via positivity and the ability to successfully deal with change. By se, you should be able to: a fundamental principles of personal resilience of the benefits of being open and receptive to change or and view challenges more optimistically responsibility and commit to positive action
An introduction to behavioural agility Civility & Respect IN COLABORATION WITH SLCC. NALC. CVVV. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	Best-selling author and leading authority on resilience and behavioural agility, Liggy Webb, shows us how to reduce unhealthy stress and lighten our loads by adopting a growth mindset and embracing change. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Adopt a growth mindset and explore your potential • Understand how to positively embrace change as an essential evolution for personal success • Let go of unhelpful thinking and learn to manage uncertainty and complexity • Tap into your dynamic capability and be bolder	
Mental health awareness Civility & Respect IN COLLABORATION WITH SLICE NAUL COURTY ASSOCIATIONS	This course has been developed by healthcare training experts, Espirita. It seeks to highlight the issues related to mental health disorders and ensure that learners are equipped with practical knowledge on how to recognise, manage and support those suffering from poor mental health—which could include themselves.	

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LALC Training Bulletin—March 2024

After each training session you will be sent an email asking you to complete a short feedback form (**CLICK ON THE FEEDBACK LINK**). Please take the time to complete this. Without your feedback, we cannot assess the effectiveness of the training we provide.

If you're looking for training not currently on our schedule, please let us know.

The LALC Annual Training Scheme (ATS): 1st April 2024—31st March 2025

CORE training is included in the ATS. This covers essential training that is common to all councils. Light refreshments e.g. tea/coffee are provided. Member councils will be invoiced £12.50 plus VAT per delegate to cover lunch for full day (in-person) events.

Councils who are not members of the ATS can still attend but additional charges apply (as per non-core training below).

NON-CORE training is not included in the ATS and an additional charge of £30 plus VAT per delegate for any morning/afternoon/evening session (including refreshments) will apply. There will be a charge of £72.50 plus VAT per delegate for an all-day in person event (including lunch and refreshments). An all-day remote session will be charged at £60 plus VAT.

Non-core charges apply to ATS and non-ATS members.

Please note that ATS charges are in addition to the LALC annual membership fees.

Bookings

Bookings should be made by the Clerk via the online portal, unless otherwise specified. When booking via the portal, **please ensure that delegate email addresses are correct**, otherwise they will not receive joining instructions. For those courses specifying 'contact LALC', email enquiries@lalc.co.uk.
*Please notify us if a delegate has specific dietary, learning or access requirements when booking.

Cancellations

- For part day courses please ensure we receive cancellations at least 48 hours in advance
- For full day events please ensure we receive cancellations at least 5 working days in advance, as we need to pre-order and pay for lunches

Due to persistent non-attendance at booked events, it is unfortunate that LALC have had to amend the way we impose our cancellation fees. All members are charged 50% of the training cost when insufficient notice is received (as above) for non-attendance at training events. No shows will be charged at 100% of the course fee. All charges are regardless of whether the council is a member of the ATS or not.

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