

Programme



Judith Gillespie

Judith Gillespie started her police career in 1982, passing out from initial training at Enniskillen, having won the Baton of Honour.



In 1997, Judith was promoted to Chief Inspector and appointed Co-ordinator of Child Abuse and Rape Enquiry (CARE). Promotion to Superintendent followed in 1999. In 2002, Judith was appointed Chief Superintendent and Commander of the Ards District Command Unit. Mrs Gillespie was the first female officer from the former RUC, now PSNI, to attend the Strategic Command Course at Bramshill and returned to be appointed Acting Assistant Chief Constable, heading up the newly-established department of Criminal Justice.

Nuala McKeever

Having started her career behind the cameras at BBC Northern Ireland as a researcher, it wasn't long before natural born comedienne Nuala was performing live in front of them. She appeared in the Hole In the Wall Gang in their award winning television show -Give My Head Peace - and her talents as an independent comedienne and writer were quickly spotted. Nuala was then offered the opportunity to host her own hugely successful TV show. Nuala is also a skilled personal development trainer.



- 9.30a.m.–10.00a.m. Guests arrive
- 10.00a.m. Introduction by Adrian Kerr
Chief Executive, Local Government
Staff Commission
- 10.10a.m. Maria Kee - Corporate Trainer
"If you're not living on the edge,
you're taking up too much room".
(African Proverb).
- 10.30a.m. Heather Moorhead - NILGA
"High Heels and High Ideals"
- 10.45a.m. Janet Williamson – RBAI
"Confidence, Competence and Change"
- 11.00a.m. Tea/coffee Break
A ballot will be held in aid
of Action Cancer.
- 11.30a.m. Judith Gillespie – PSNI
"The Challenge for Women in
a Changing World".
- 11.45a.m. Nuala McKeever - Keynote Speaker
- Closing remarks & Ballot.
- 12.15p.m. Lunch

There will not be a fee for this event...
..but places are limited – so register now !

Visible Women

an Inspirational Event

Celebrating the achievement
of women in different
spheres of public life



Clandeboyne Lodge
Hotel, Bangor
Friday, 17th November, 2006
9.30a.m. – 1.00p.m.

2006: The Year of Women in Local Councils

You are invited to come
and celebrate with:

This is the Year of Women in Local Councils, which has been welcomed and supported by a wide range of organisations including Ards Borough Council, North Down Borough Council, the Local Government Staff Commission of Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA). A number of training and other events have already been held to mark the Year.



Councillor
Michelle McIlveen
Ards Borough
Council



Councillor
Marion Smith
North Down
Borough Council,
Vice- Chair of Local
Government Staff
Commission



Councillor
Peter Weir, MLA
North Down
Borough Council

Those above have been instrumental in organising this event to celebrate the achievement of women who make a vital contribution to public life in North Down and Ards Borough Council Areas.



Adrian Kerr

Adrian Kerr has been Chief Executive of the Local Government Staff Commission since September, 1991. He has overall responsibility for the development of human resource policies in the 26 district councils in Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. Before taking up post with the Local Government Staff Commission, Adrian held a similar post with the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards. He previously held senior management posts in the education and housing sectors within the public service.



Adrian is an accredited CEDR Mediator (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) and is an independent assessor for the Office of Public Appointments. He is also a trained Panel Assessor for the Investors in People Unit.

Maria Kee

Currently based in Londonderry, Maria grew up in Lurgan and took her degree at Queen's University before studying Cognitive Behavioural Therapy in Oxford and Philadelphia. However, after twenty years she decided to make the change, from Consultant Psychiatrist and Medical Director with the NHS, to full-time Corporate Trainer. Maria's unique combination of experience in both management and psychiatry makes her well qualified to offer insights on living an inspirational life!



Heather Moorhead

Heather Moorehead qualified as an Environmental Health Officer from the Ulster University in 1986. While serving as an EHO she was an extremely active member of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and was the first female chair of the NI Centre from 1992-1994. Her key interests included public health and sustainable development.



Heather subsequently attained an MBA from The UJJ in 1997. Heather was appointed Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) in April, 2002. Her key role is to work with the members to develop a dynamic and effective Association.

Janet Williamson

Janet Williamson attended schools in Bangor and California, USA, followed by an Honours degree, scholarship and MA (Honours) in Geography at Oxford. She has since followed a teaching career in such varied environments as Oxford University, South Africa, a Young Offenders Prison, and both comprehensive and grammar schools. In 1998, she was appointed Deputy Head at Wilson's School, Surrey – a voluntary-aided Boys' Grammar School of 860 pupils, which was ranked in the top 10 schools in the UK in 2000. Since 2001, she has been the Principal of Antrim Grammar School, a co-educational grammar school of 740 pupils.



Janet is also a member of the Institute of Management and is the author of the award-winning KS3 Geography Textbooks.