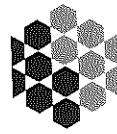


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**Date: 30 July 2015**

Dear Cllr. Garrett,

**SHAPING PLACE, CHANGING LIVES –  
A PLACEMAKING SYMPOSIUM FOR COUNCILS  
MOSSLEY MILL, NEWTOWNABBEY  
THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2015, 9.30am – 3.00pm**

NILGA and DCAL, along with DCAL's Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) for Architecture & the Built Environment are convening the above Symposium. A draft agenda is enclosed. There is no charge for this event.

The Symposium will concentrate on how Community Planning and Placemaking can positively impact the lives of individuals and communities and tackle common problems such as vacant town centres and antisocial behaviour. It presents an opportunity for all our Councils to share their experiences and enter a dialogue with experts from elsewhere in the UK.

This letter is to inform you of the event, and we would be grateful if you could bring it to the attention of your Committee as soon as possible. There will be a necessarily limited number of spaces and we want to accommodate a number of representatives from every Council. We wish to invite Planning Committee Chairs and their Committee colleagues, elected members of Council, Chief Executives and relevant Officers to attend.



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To that end, we invite you to take the opportunity to liaise with your colleagues as necessary and agree a maximum of four or five delegates. Please confirm their names, positions and contact details **by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** to [magsecretariat@dcalni.gov.uk](mailto:magsecretariat@dcalni.gov.uk), giving details of any dietary requirements as lunch and refreshments will be served. You can also contact this address with any queries.

We look forward to meeting you at what will be a mutually beneficial learning event.

Yours faithfully,



Arthur Acheson, Chair of MAG



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Ald. Carla Lockhart, President of NILGA



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A Placemaking Symposium for elected members and officials

collaboratively organised by

NILGA, the Northern Ireland Local Government Association,

DCAL, the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure and

MAG, the Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture and the Built Environment

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22 October 2015

Venue: Mossley Mill

## SHAPING PLACE – CHANGING LIVES

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### INTRODUCTION

Northern Ireland's new councils have been responsible for placemaking through planning and community planning since 1 April 2015. From April 2016 they will also accept new regeneration responsibilities.

NILGA, DCAL and MAG support Councils in these new responsibilities and this Symposium listens to councils' experiences to date and describes four Placemaking methods which are being used in England and Northern Ireland. Each council is invited to an Open Forum to share experiences of elected representatives and officials.

#### 1. A MODEL OF PLACEMAKING

In England, CABE at Design Council has developed a model of long term placemaking with Oxford City Council and others, which is producing excellent results within months of starting up.

A multi-disciplinary panel of expert design specialists is appointed by CABE at Design Council and the district council. The panel is available on call when required to discuss all strategic development proposals within the council area from the earliest stages of their commissioning, well before planning applications are submitted.

#### 2. A PLACEMAKING TEAM

Croydon is London's largest Borough. The Council has established its own Placemaking Team with expertise in a number of design disciplines, led by an architect, which sits alongside its Plan Making Team. The Placemaking Team is involved with policy and projects from their earliest conception through to completion and use.

#### 3. PROSOCIAL PLACE

The University of Liverpool's project, Prosocial Place, puts people first, not technocratic convenience, architectural aesthetic or short-term gain. It will deliver long-term resilience within communities thus avoiding the creation of future toxic assets. A prosocial approach to growth in Liverpool will deliver a sustainable city that is self generating and capable of punching its own considerable weight. It will be an exemplar for the modern world.

#### 4. CIVIC STEWARDSHIP AND A SIX WEEK WARD VISION

MAG promotes civic stewardship (active caring for people and places) to improve places and inform design. MAG has instituted a pilot project with a district council to create a pilot 'Six Week Ward Vision', produced and owned by local people. The output and initial outcomes from this pilot project will be described.

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

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### 09.00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09.30 Opening by DCAL

09.45 N Ireland Councils' experience to date – speaker from NILGA

10.00 Open Forum discussion by council representatives

11.00 CABE PLACEMAKING MODEL IN OXFORD

Speaker – Claire Devine

CABE at Design Council

11.45. THE CROYDON MODEL

Speaker – Representative of Croydon Council

Design literacy, the Placemaking Team and its relationship with the Plan Making Team to form Croydon's Spatial Planning Service

### 12.30 LUNCH

13.15 PROSOCIAL PLACE – THE ANTIDOTE TO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR  
Speakers, Graham Marshall and Rhiannon Corcoran, Co-Directors

The Prosocial Place Project brings together health and welfare service providers and researchers with built environment experts to address these high profile issues.

14.00 THE SIX WEEK WARD VISION PILOT

Speaker – MAG, Council and citizens

Civic stewardship, community involvement and the Ward Vision Pilot

14.30 Plenary Session – Models, models, models, Where next?

Collaboration Resolution prepared by NILGA

15.00 Tea, coffee and opportunities for informal networking at conclusion of Symposium

Reporting by organisers within 2 weeks of close