

Northern Ireland Procurement Conference 2023



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A new era for public procurement

Procurement is an important element of the Northern Ireland economy. 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 private sector organisations also spend significant amounts in the local economy.

A new social value procurement policy came into effect last year in Northern Ireland. Since June 2022, social value must account for at least 10 per cent of the total award criteria for government tenders with the intention to increase to 20 per cent in June 2023, subject to Executive approval.

This new policy puts social value at the heart of public procurement, creating a benefit beyond the purchase of goods and services including delivering environmental benefits and job creation in deprived areas. It is focussed on four main areas:

- **Increasing secure employment and skills**
- **Building ethical and resilient supply chains**
- **Delivering zero carbon**
- **Promoting Well-being**

The Northern Ireland Procurement Conference 2023 will examine the progress to date and will look at any challenges and opportunities that have arisen since the implementation of this new policy.

This conference will have a genuine, in-depth understanding of the key issues via a high-level panel of local and visiting speakers and will examine both the challenges and opportunities in the future outlook for procurement in Northern Ireland.



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 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

An expert panel of local and visiting speakers will look at issues including:

- Creating **social value** in procurement;
- Procurement across the **health sector**;
- A **human rights** based approach to procurement;
- The changing **legal framework** for public procurement;
- Procurement across the **education sector**;
- Effective **local government** procurement;
- **Green procurement**: Becoming more resource-efficient;
- **Transforming** public procurement in the UK;
- Procurement in the **housing sector**;
- Procurement as a **strategic and innovative** function;
- **Digital** procurement transformation;
- Procurement to construct **critical infrastructure**.

Conference programme

0900 Chair's welcome and introduction:

Noel Brady, Managing Director, **Consult Nb1**

Procurement in Northern Ireland: Future outlook and opportunities

Sharon Smyth, Chief Executive
Construction and Procurement Delivery
& Speaker tbc, **Strategic Investment Board**

The future of procurement in health and social care

Linda O'Hare, Assistant Director
Business Services Organisation

Driving change through public procurement in Scotland

Nikki Archer, Head of Procurement and
Commercial Policy & Strategy
Scottish Government

The challenges of procuring for education

Gary Fair, Director of Planning & Performance
Department of Education
& Frances Meehan, Programme Director
Education Authority

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1045 Morning coffee / Networking break

1115 *Decarbonising procurement: Addressing carbon emissions in supply chains*

John Coyne, Commercial Director
Welsh Government

Shaping procurement across local government

Zoe Vennard, Procurement Manager
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council

Transforming procurement at Northern Ireland Water

Eilis Kelly, Head of Commercial
Northern Ireland Water

Social value in procurement: Creating a lasting legacy

Richard Good, Director
The Turnaround Project

A human rights based approach to procurement

Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1315 Chair's summary and conference close followed by networking lunch

Sponsorship & exhibition opportunities

There are a limited number of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available at this conference which will be of interest to companies and organisations with products or services they wish to promote. For further information on sponsorship and speaking opportunities and how your organisation can benefit, contact Jillian Wallace on 028 9261 9933 or email jillian.wallace@agendani.com.



Registration form

I wish to:

- ☐ Reserve ____ places at the Northern Ireland Procurement Conference

Delegate fee £245 + VAT @ 20% = £294

Voluntary/community sector delegate fee £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234

- ☐ Receive details of sponsorship and 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
- ✓ 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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