

Mission of the Irish Landscape Institute (ILI)

The mission of the Irish Landscape Institute is to foster and promote excellence in the practice and understanding of landscape architecture in Ireland. In upholding standards and promoting diversity of practice, the Institute promotes competence in the related professions of landscape architecture, landscape management and landscape planning. In supporting the education of landscape professionals, the Institute fosters a culture of continuing professional development (CPD) and research in landscape issues.

Establishing the Irish Landscape Institute as the authoritative body in Ireland on matters relating to landscape is critical to achieving this mission. Therefore the activities of the Institute are dedicated to supporting this mission, which aims to promote the highest standards of landscape work in Ireland. The activities centre on both promotion and competence-building:

Promotion

- Increasing public awareness and education on landscape issues;
- Increasing public awareness of the role and work of landscape professionals;
- Issuing public statements and preparing policy documents on issues of interest to the landscape profession;
- Encouraging interaction between landscape professionals and the related disciplines, *e.g.* architecture, engineering, planning, ecology, cultural heritage;
- Input to, reviewing and comment on national, regional and any documents that are of relevance to the profession and which are open to consultation;
- Representing the interests of the landscape profession in Ireland at European and International level and communicating with other bodies and institutes of similar interests throughout the world.

Competency:

- Guiding and supporting third-level education of landscape professionals in Ireland;
- Upholding the national standards of professional practice through examination of graduate candidates of appropriate experience;
- Fostering, facilitating and monitoring the Continued Professional Development of the members of the Institute;
- Organising lectures on topics of relevance to the landscape profession;
- Maintaining an up-to-date and relevant website for the Institute providing through the website and via e-bulletin schedules, notification of lectures and exhibitions of interest to landscape professionals;
- Organising conferences and discussions on themes relevant to the landscape profession;
- Producing articles and publications of interest on landscape architecture, landscape management and landscape planning for circulation to members;
- Commissioning research on issues relating to landscape architecture, landscape management and landscape planning in Ireland
- Advocating professionalism nationally through the Code of Professional Conduct of the Irish Landscape [e] Institute.

The ILI represents 100 full members, using the designation MILI (Member of Irish Landscape Institute) after their name to denote that they have successfully progressed to full membership of the Institute and have achieved competency in their professional practice requirements. From time to time, full members of the institute who have made significant contributions to the landscape profession in Ireland may be offered Fellowship of the institute, and are entitled to use the letters FILI after their name. There is also a category of Honorary member which is conferred on allied professionals who are considered to have assisted in developing the aims and competencies of the profession. Student members, graduate members and affiliate members make up the balance of a total of 215 ILI memberships.