



APSE and Socitm: Digital Futures Forum

Incorporating APSE Wales AGM



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for Wales
members

Friday 17 July

Conwy Room, Venue Cymru, Llandudno

9:20 Registration and refreshments

10:00 Session One: Digital Futures – Opportunities and Challenges

Welcome and Opening Address: Councillor Sharon Doleman, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy and Communications, Conwy County Borough Council

Cyber as a Service Risk: Protecting Public Services in a Digital Age

- Understanding the evolving cyber threat landscape
- Building resilience across council services
- Protecting critical public infrastructure

Mathew Henshaw, Chief Digital Officer, Isle of Anglesey

Policy to Practice: Where Intervening to Deliver Social Value Can Make a Positive Difference to People, Communities and Places

- Embedding social value in digital transformation
- Delivering positive outcomes for communities
- Turning policy into practical action

Dave Sanderson, Director of Member Services, Socitm

11:20 Comfort Break

11:35 Session Two: AI and Digital Transformation in Practice

Developing an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy: Denbighshire County Council’s Journey

- Developing a responsible AI framework
- Governance, ethics and risk management
- Lessons learned from implementation

Markeus Woodworth, Chief Digital Officer, Denbighshire County Council

Powys’ Innovative Reading Age Assistant: Supporting Learners with Additional Learning Needs

- Using AI to support inclusive education
- Improving outcomes for learners with Additional Learning Needs
- Innovation through partnership

Councillor Raiff Devlin, Cabinet Member for Customers, Digital and Community Services, and Ellen Sullivan, Head of Digital Services, Powys County Council

From Friction to Transformation: Understanding Readiness for Digital and AI

- Assessing organisational readiness for AI
- Overcoming barriers to digital transformation
- Creating the conditions for successful change

Mike Jones, Head of Innovation and Transformation, Conwy County Borough Council

13:05 APSE Wales AGM

This short session provides an invaluable opportunity for APSE Wales to review its activities over the last year and look ahead to future priorities.

13:20 Networking Lunch and refreshments

- An opportunity to network with colleagues, speakers and exhibitors before the close of the event.

14:20 Seminar close

A forum for Welsh councils focussed on digital innovation in local government.

Bringing together senior officers, digital leaders, and elected members from across Wales, this event offers a valuable opportunity to share practical insights, showcase innovative council initiatives and discuss the challenges and opportunities shaping modern local services.

Held in collaboration with Socitm, and including a mix of expert speakers, real-world case studies as well as interactive discussion, the forum will highlight how councils are delivering smarter and more resilient services for their communities.

Venue information

Conwy Room

Venue Cymru

Llandudno

LL30 1BB

Booking

Packages Exclusive of VAT

APSE member delegate fee: **FREE**

Non member delegate fee: **£195+VAT**

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