

# Conference timetable

## Wednesday 14th May

- 14.00 Registration opens
- 15:15 Registration closes
- 16.00 Conference opens
- 16.00 Video: Fórsa Local Government and Local Services Division in action
- 16.05 Opening address by Michael Whyms, Cathaoirleach
- 16.15 Remembering former colleagues
- 16.20 Address by local dignitaries:  
John McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council and Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council  
Fraternal welcome:  
Catriona McElhinney, Fórsa Donegal Local Government Branch
- 16.35 Appointment of tellers and scrutineers
- 16.40 Adoption of general standing orders
- 16.45 Standing Orders Committee Report
- 16.55 Adoption of Minutes from Divisional Conference 2023
- 17.00 Biennial report
- 17.05 Video: Local bargaining
- 17.10 Pay/Public Service Stability Agreement: Motions: 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20
- 18:10 Job evaluation: Motions 1 and 2
- 18.30 Outsourcing: Motion 26
- 18:40 Address by Fórsa President Martin Walsh, followed by the Distinguished Services Awards, presented by Fórsa Senior Vice-President Julie Flood and President Martin Walsh
- 19:00 Conference adjourns

## Thursday 15th May

- 09.30 Conference resumes
- 09.30 Video: Fórsa International Solidarity
- 09.35 Panel discussion: The state of Local Government in Europe and globally and opportunities of remunicipalisation  
Guest speakers: Daria Cibrario, Public Services International and Pablo Sanchez-Centellas, European Public Services Union
- 10.15 Address by Fórsa National Secretary, Richy Carrothers
- 10.35 Empowering local government: Motion 24
- 10.45 Blended working/flexitime/leave: Motions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
- 11:50 Housing: Motions 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14
- 12:30 "Home Truths: defining the housing crisis" by guest speaker Dr. Lorcan Sirr, Senior Lecturer in Housing, TUD
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 "Local authorities: Driving the change for community and social integration."  
Guest speaker: Lilian Seenoi-Barr, Mayor, Derry and Strabane District Council
- 14.30 Transfer policy and qualifications: Motions 21, 22 and 23
- 15:00 Policy and campaigns: Motions 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34
- 16:15 Address by Kevin Callinan, Fórsa General Secretary
- 16.30 Library services: Motion 25
- 16.40 Video: "Whilst They Offer Division, We Offer Hope" Fórsa members Stand Up To The Far-Right
- 16.45 Panel discussion: Libraries and the far right  
Guest speakers: Edel Scally, Librarian, Michael Devine, Assistant Librarian, Faye Carrie, UCD.  
Facilitated by Aisling Cusack, Fórsa Policy & Research Officer
- 17.30 Conference adjourns
- 20.00 Conference dinner

**Strengthening  
Fórsa and improving  
member services**

**Thursday 15th May 2025**  
**from 1pm - 1.50pm**  
**The Glencar Suite**  
(to the rear of the Health and Welfare Divisional Conference Hall)

Register here



## Friday 16th May

- 10.00 Conference resumes
- 10:00 Local Authorities & Uisce Éireann: Water Transformation Update,  
by guest speaker Liam Berney, Senior Industrial Officer, ICTU
- 10.15 Guest speaker: Pauline Mulligan, Chief Executive, Local Government  
Management Agency
- 10.45 Emergency Motions
- 11.00 Video: It's Your Union, Your Power
- 11.05 Panel discussion: Organising for Power in Local Government  
Guest speakers: Will Mooney Ennis, Fingal Branch, Cliadhna Dinneen,  
Cork Health & Local Government Branch, Amy Moran, Industrial Officer.  
Facilitated by Hazel Nolan, Assistant General Secretary
- 12:05 Video: Organising for Equality
- 12:15 Campaigns update and reflections on the local government attitudes  
survey by Kevin Donoghue, Director of Campaigns
- 12:30 Closing ceremony
- 12.30 Conference closes

