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Dear Colleagues,

Upcoming Member Seminars

This circular provides employing authorities with information on three upcoming member seminars. Each seminar will last approximately one and a half hours, including time for questions at the end. The three seminars will be held remotely on Microsoft Teams. We would request that you share the details of these events with all LGPS (NI) Scheme members in your employment.

Pensions Awareness

Wednesday 18 February at 15:00 – 16:30

Registration link: [Pensions Awareness](#)

This seminar is a high-level overview of the current LGPS (NI) Career Average (CARE) Scheme. It is suitable for employees with membership in the Scheme after 1st April 2015, including employees who have joined recently. It is also helpful for employees who have opted out but who may wish to know more about the Scheme. The session will explain the main Scheme benefits, contributions (including Additional Voluntary Contributions /Additional Pension Contributions), transfers and aggregating other pensions. There will also be a demonstration of how to access My NILGOSC Pension Online to keep track of your NILGOSC pension and to plan for future retirement.

Scheme Benefits

Thursday 19 February at 10:00 – 11:30

Registration link: [Scheme Benefits](#)

This seminar is a detailed overview for future retirement planning, including membership of the Final Salary Schemes before April 2015. This session will cover the use of Additional Voluntary Contributions and Additional Pension Contributions to boost pension savings, the different types of retirement, and will also cover what options are available if you leave the pension scheme before retirement. There will also be a demonstration of how to access My NILGOSC Pension Online to keep track of your NILGOSC pension and to plan for future retirement.

Approaching Retirement

Friday 20 February at 10:00 – 11:30

Registration link: [Approaching Retirement](#)

This seminar is aimed at employees who may be thinking of retiring in the next few years. It will cover the different types of retirement, how benefits are calculated, and the retirement process. It will also include a demonstration of My NILGOSC Pension Online and how to tailor your own pension projections.

These sessions will be run as Microsoft Teams events. Members can register by clicking on the relevant link above, or via our website: [Training & events - NILGOSC](#). The calendar invite is issued automatically as soon as the member has registered. If they do not receive it, they should check that they have used the correct email address. If they have used the correct email address, and still have not received the calendar invite, they should check that their IT settings have not filtered the invitation email to their junk/spam mailbox.

For more information or if you have any queries, please email seminars@nilgosc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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