

IPI Pilot Mentoring Scheme Introduction

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The Irish Planning Institute is delighted to announce the launch of a pilot Mentoring Scheme. The pilot scheme brings together senior planning professionals and planners at all stages of their career to develop mutually beneficial relationships.

The pilot scheme will match planners at all stages of their career with senior planning professionals for a trial period of six months. Within this time, it is hoped that pairs will meet every two months with optional contact in between. Applications to take part as a mentor or mentee will be accepted until close of business on **Thursday, 16th March 2017**. Potential matches will then be considered and the scheme will officially begin from Monday, 3rd April 2017.

Mentees can expect to gain senior insight into specific planning areas, receive advice and improve professional skills and knowledge of future career options.

Mentors will have an opportunity to engage with another planner, share their planning knowledge and expertise and give back to the planning profession.

If you would like to apply to be a mentor or mentee, please review the relevant Guidance Pack and complete the appropriate application form for consideration.

The pilot Mentoring Scheme is open to members of the IPI at Graduate level or above to become a Mentee. Mentors must be current Corporate, Fellow or Honorary members of the IPI.

Applying to take part in the Mentoring Scheme will be accepted as a commitment to the project and the mentor/mentee you are paired with.

Please note that as this is a pilot scheme, we cannot guarantee that every applicant will be accepted in to the scheme at this point. Matches will be made based on compatibility as well as interest, so it may be the case that every applicant will not be able to participate in the pilot scheme. Based on the success of this pilot scheme, we hope to subsequently roll out a full programme. Participation in the pilot Mentoring Scheme is on a voluntary basis. Remuneration/expenses are not included for participants.

For more information on the pilot scheme, please contact the IPI office at info@ipi.ie or +353 (0)1 8788630.