

## **We've Gone Online!**

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all of us to think harder and smarter about how we can continue to deliver important services and support our communities.

The VLGA is committed to continuing to support councils and communities in local democracy through these changing times, so we have developed an alternative delivery method for our women's training program.

The *Local Women Leading Change* candidate training program consists of two modules, 'Local Government 101' and 'Candidate Development'.

These modules will be delivered by 3 x 10 minute videos and supported by interactive Zoom workshops.

The 'Local Government 101' videos are now live on the VLGA website and *Local Women Leading Change* Facebook page. They can be shared through your council's social media channels.

Registrations are also open on the VLGA website for 'Local Government 101' interactive workshop sessions at a number of different times and dates. These are not restricted to location, however we are able to schedule specific sessions for VLGA member councils.

Participants are invited to watch the videos and consider the discussion prompts before taking part in the workshops which will be held in small groups (max. 10 people).

### **Local Government 101 – scheduled sessions:**

Monday 27 April, 4pm – 5pm  
Thursday 30 April, 7:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday 5 May, 12pm – 1pm  
Wednesday 13 May – 6pm – 7pm  
Saturday 23 May – 2pm – 3pm  
Thursday 28 May – 7:30pm – 8:30pm  
Monday 1 June – 12pm – 1pm  
Tuesday 9 June – 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
Wednesday 17 June – 4pm – 5pm

The 'Candidate Development' videos will be released in early May, with workshops commencing that week.

### **Candidate Development – scheduled sessions:**

Wednesday 6 May – 12pm – 1pm  
Thursday 14 May – 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
Saturday 23 May – 4pm – 5pm  
Monday 25 May – 7:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday 2 June – 4pm – 5pm  
Wednesday 10 June – 7:30pm – 8:30pm  
Thursday 18 June – 12pm – 1pm  
Saturday 20 June – 10am – 11am  
Saturday 27 June – 2pm – 3pm

Detailed instructions on technical requirements are available on the VLGA website.

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For more information, please contact [Deborah](#).

**Local Women Leading Change Podcast**

The VLGA will be producing a weekly podcast, where women will have the chance to send in questions for current and former women councillors and hear their views, and explore different aspects of local government elections in more detail. The podcast will be available from May 2020.

Don't forget to tune into the [VLGA Connect](#) video series to keep up to date with what is happening in the sector.