

UPCOMING TRAINING AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

<i>Provider</i>	<i>Course / Conference Title</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Themes / Subjects Covered</i>
AON	Buy-in and de-risking for LGPS funds	21 March 2024	Online Webinar 1pm	<p>Provide a general overview of current funding levels in the LGPS, noting there are differences depending on local circumstances, actuarial approach and investment strategy</p> <p>Provide you with our current ideas around using surplus to reduce funding and investment risk i.e. “de-risking”</p> <p>Discuss bulk annuities as an investment opportunity given current pricing (also referred to as a “buy-in”)</p> <p>Help you understand how taking some of these ideas may impact funding levels and future employer contributions</p>
PLSA	LGPS, Pools and the future	30 April 2024	Online webinar 11am	Policy Insight Webinars are a unique opportunity to gain insider knowledge directly from the PLSA Policy and Advocacy team. By joining these popular online events, you will hear about the PLSA dialogue with key figures, from Ministers to Government officials and regulators.
PLSA	Local Authority Conference 2024	11 – 13 June 2024	De Vere Cotswold Waterpark, Gloucestershire	Discover cutting-edge solutions and gain invaluable insights at the PLSA Local Authority Conference, bringing together a powerful network of LGPS professionals. Enhance your role with the latest trends, policies, and innovation tailored for local authority challenges. Full details of these Conferences will be provided to Members as soon as they are available

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PLSA	Annual Conference	15 – 17 October 2024	ACC, Liverpool	Empower yourself with the latest insights at the PLSA Annual Conference, the definitive gathering for the pensions community. Connect, learn, and shape the future of pensions through expert-led sessions, valuable networking, and access to the policy debate and ground-breaking practical solutions.
PLSA	ESG Conference	28 November 2024	London (Details to be confirmed)	Explore the most recent developments in the quickly evolving responsible investment landscape and discover the information you need to deliver the best outcomes for savers.

Hymans Robertson package (Aspire) of on-line training can now be utilised by Members - “bite-size” sessions that can be dipped in and out of at Members convenience. There are now two packages available with package two being the most up to date version. The training modules are as follows:-

- 1: Introduction to the LGPS - Stakeholders; local arrangements for committees, boards, officers and advisers; regulatory framework.
- 2: Governance and oversight - Legislation and guidance; policy documents; roles and responsibilities of committees and board members; Code of Practice 14; pensions administration overview; Government oversight bodies; business plans.
- 3: Administration and fund management - Pension benefits and contributions; service delivery; administration and communication strategies and policy documents and processes; annual report and accounts; procurements.
- 4: Funding and actuarial matters - Role of the actuary; the funding strategy; valuations; employer issues; actuarial assumptions.
- 5: Investments - Investment strategy, asset class characteristics and investment markets; pooling investments; monitoring performance of investments and advisers; responsible investment.
- 6: Current issues - LGPS reform; McCloud; Goodwin; cost sharing.