

Portfolio Requirements to attain Full Membership of the GLDA (MGLDA)

To become a GLDA Full member the Garden Designer has to show by providing the following information that they can design gardens and provide the necessary information for a Landscape Contractor to build and plant them.

1. Project 1. – Finished Garden Design on site.

This project shall include the following information;

- a. A client brief - 500 words
- b. Site photographs and site survey notes
- c. Concept sketch and images
- d. Master plan
- e. Construction photographs and images of finished garden

2. Project 2. – Hypothetical project

Complete a 6 month program run by the GLDA MAP team which will aim to provide attendees with the skills to produce comprehensive garden plans. The program will run as follows:

Class 1: Introduction to the garden design project and run through the course work required during the programme.

Class 2: To present your Garden Design Concept to the class including sketches and mood boards.

Class 3: To present your Garden Design Master plan showing the development of the design from the concept.

Class 4: Construction details – developing a construction detail from the project.

Class 5: Planting Plans and schedules – developing a detail planting area from the project.

Class 6: Presentation of the completed Garden Design Project to the MAP team.

This project will be used as part of your portfolio assessment for Full membership. If you are unable to make some of the classes the various aspects can be submitted and discussed during GLDA portfolio workshops during the year prior to assessment.

3. Project 3. Finished Garden Design incorporating a GLDA Full Member visit

This will require a comprehensive set of drawings to be submitted along with a report made by a full member on the construction and planting of the garden. The Full member will be required to make 1 site visit. The drawings shall include the following

- Survey and Analysis
- Concept Sketches and Mood Board
- Master plan
- Hard landscape Working drawings with min. 2 construction details
- Soft landscape schedule and planting plans
- Maintenance Program

4. Interview with the assessment panel

Each potential new Full member will be given the opportunity to discuss their works with a panel of three landscape professionals. At this meeting the pre-reg member will be asked to explain their work and answer any questions the panel have on the three projects submitted.