

PRE-REG MEMBERSHIP

This is an open category that allows the GLDA to assist designers to further develop their Garden Design skills through classes, workshops and a mentoring programme tailored specifically towards the requirements for the portfolio assessment to gain Full membership over a clearly defined timescale.

GLDA's Pre-Registered Membership programme is based on established standards of excellence in garden/landscape design, and is intended to assist interested applicants to progress up the ladder towards applying for Full Membership status. Pre-Registered Membership is an affirmation of your knowledge and skills as a competent designer with growing credentials.

Annual Pre-Reg Membership costs **€120 per annum**, payable in March each year. Applications received part-way through the year will be charged on a pro-rata basis for that year.

Eligibility:

- Be an established garden/landscape designer in good standing, who is currently a Friend or Overseas Friend of the GLDA. Your status as a Friend will continue until your application for Pre-Registration Membership has been approved by the GLDA Membership Assessment Panel (MAP).
- Be a recently qualified student of garden/landscape design. Course material covered should include residential landscape design, landscape drawing, plant materials, landscape construction and maintenance with an emphasis on the design process.
- Have a background in design, art or other creative discipline and be considering a new career in garden and landscape design.

The benefits of Pre-Registered Membership are:

Ongoing career development support by the GLDA through:

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) workshops
- Educational needs checklist and CPD advice on website
- Portfolio development workshops
- Structured in-house and one to one mentoring programmes from an experienced Full Member (Skype calls may be used in some situations)
- Workshops & courses (also open to others)
- Your achievements promoted in the GLDA journal, **Compass**, and the newsletter

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GLDA Brand Association

- Use of the title 'Pre-Reg Member of the GLDA' to promote your achievement
- Opportunities to participate in GLDA marketing and PR initiatives to raise awareness of the Association.

Networking Opportunities

- Access to experienced Full Members at GLDA organised events, garden visits and workshops.
- Inclusion on GLDA emailing list
- Various promoted social media platforms (Facebook, Linked-In etc)

GLDA Literature & Magazine

- Annual subscription to the GLDA's journal, **Compass** (published twice a year)
- Regular online newsletters from the GLDA

Events

- Annual seminar (at a preferential rate)
- Non-GLDA events, e.g. SGD (UK), ALCI (Ire) and others (preferential rates where applicable)

Opportunities

- Involvement in GLDA promotion at national garden festivals, public/trade events & seminars
- Involvement in PR and marketing initiatives
- Contributing written articles for Compass, the website blog and the newsletter
- Discounted or free entry to any events and trade shows supported by the Association

A successful applicant will be encouraged to remain a Pre-Registered Member for a maximum of three years. This will allow you time to attend various structured CPD and portfolio preparation workshops organised by the GLDA, in advance of your assessment for Full Membership.

The cost of becoming a Pre-Reg Member can be recovered in less than a year by taking advantage of the many discounts and promotional opportunities open to you.

Don't delay - begin the process today!

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