

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Only GLDA Full Members can work under the title, 'MGLDA'. All Full members must have been in professional practice for a minimum of 3 years prior to application. Each successful applicant has had their portfolio assessed by an independent panel of horticultural and design experts. **To become a Full Member, you first apply to become a Pre-Reg member.**

Members of equivalent foreign professional organisations are eligible to apply for Full membership (without first becoming a Pre-Reg member). They must submit a portfolio for assessment and if successful can work under the title 'MGLDA (Overseas)'.

Benefits of becoming a Full Member include:

- Use of 'MGLDA' or 'MGLDA (Overseas)' after your name to promote your achievement which recognises you have attained the exacting professional standards required by the GLDA
- A dedicated page listing, including photographs of previous work, on the GLDA website
- Poster promoting your work at the GLDA annual seminar
- Media opportunities for PR (i.e. interviews, feature articles, etc)
- Discounted rates at the annual seminar or other events and trade shows supported by the GLDA
- Involvement in GLDA promotions at national garden festivals, public/trade events & seminars
- Annual subscription to the GLDA's journal, **Compass** (published twice a year)
- Regular online newsletters from the GLDA
- Promotion of your achievements in Compass and the newsletter as well as opportunities to submit articles for publication in Compass, the website blog and the newsletter
- Networking events with other members as well as Friends and Corporate Members of the GLDA
- Full members living and working in Ireland have voting rights at official meetings of the GLDA
- Full members with an address in Ireland may hold office in the GLDA

Full Membership of the GLDA costs **€240 per annum**. The membership year commences 01 March.

To become a GLDA Full Member or Full Member (Overseas) 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.

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1: Finished Garden Design on Site

This project shall include the following information:

- a. A short client brief
- b. Site photographs and site survey notes
- c. Concept sketch and images
- d. Master plan
- e. Photographs of the garden during construction and images of finished garden

2: Finished Garden Design on Site

This project shall include the following information:

- a. A short client brief
- b. Site photographs and survey notes
- c. Concept sketches and mood board
- d. Master Plan including one 3D image i.e. hand drawn sketch, axonometric, a perspective drawing, sketch up 3D
- e. Hard landscape working drawing including a minimum of 1 construction detail
- f. Planting plan
- g. Photographs of the garden during construction and images of finished garden

3: Finished Garden Design on Site

This project shall include the following information:

- a. A short client brief
- b. Site survey including photographs and an analysis of the site
- c. Concept sketches and mood board
- d. Master Plan
- e. Hard landscape working drawings including a minimum of 2 construction details
- f. Planting plan and plant schedule
- g. Maintenance programme
- h. Photographs of the garden during construction and images of finished garden

4. Interview with the Membership 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.

If you are an established, practicing garden/landscape designer for a minimum of three years, you may qualify to apply for Full Membership if your portfolio is of an acceptable standard. Please submit a Pre-Registered Membership form and accompanying application documents.