

## 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.

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