


ALGIM

Association of Local Government Information Management

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Overview

Congratulations on your new role at council. We welcome you to our supportive group of local government professionals.

We are proud to have 100% of councils in New Zealand as members of ALGIM. All staff at your council enjoy the membership benefits.



What is ALGIM?

We are a not-for-profit association which has existed for 50 years under various names. Our main role is to bring people and technology together for a digitally transformed local government sector. We cover five disciplines – ICT, web/digital and comms, customer experience, geospatial and information/records management.



Welcome

Welcome to ALGIM. Whether you are new to local government or changing jobs, you are part of an incredible team of 30,500+ staff who manage local resources and services.

ALGIM is all about bringing people and technology together to deliver better local government services. In our digital world we are all touched by technology in some way, and by utilising it to make a difference in our roles, we can be the best we can be for our community.

ALGIM is here to help increase knowledge through our training academy, share experiences through case studies and thought leadership papers, collaborate on projects, and network through our social media channels and events.

You are already a member of ALGIM, as your entire organisation has joined us along with all councils in NZ. We look forward to being of service in the future should you need us, and you joining us on one of our webinars to start or continue your journey of understanding what technology or solutions are available in local government.

ALGIM is part of an international collaboration between local government in the USA, Canada, Belgium, Sweden, Netherlands, UK, Australia and New Zealand. This means we can provide information from our global network to assist NZ Councils.

We are governed by local government (a board of ten councils) for local government and we are here for you. Enjoy your time in the sector.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Manson
ALGIM Chief Executive



Membership benefits



You and all your fellow council staff have free access to an extensive webinar programme (43 run in 2022/2023) for subscribing councils.



Access to our Training Academy with highly rated courses including information/records management, customer experience, drones, cybersecurity and Office 365.



Find out how your council website ranks against all other NZ councils through our annual web audit.



Attend our annual flagship conference, attended by 88% of councils in 2023 and 100% delegates surveyed rated as the best local government event for learning, connecting and inspiration.



Access to our internationally awarded Information Management Toolkit.



Online resources including white papers and thought leadership from New Zealand and our international partner organisations in Europe, USA, Canada and Australia.



Get collaborative purchasing deals giving your council access to products and services at highly reduced rates including cybersecurity - saving councils \$000,000s every year.



Find out how your customers really experience your council with reports from our annual and extensive extensive mystery shops.



Connect with your peers around the country (and Australia) on current issues through our Yammer channels.

Membership benefits



Be recognised for your efforts through our annual awards programme including the opportunity to get \$2,000 professional development for any course/conference of your choice.



Get access to research into technology directly relevant to the sector including digital humans, AI and UAVs.



Be a voice for advocacy for local government on issues including ICT models for Local Government Reform recommendations through ALGIM.



Find out what vendors, products and services other councils are using through Infobase – a free innovative online database covering local authorities in New Zealand, Canada and Australia.



Have the option to subscribe to LocoDelegations - an all-digital, delegations register designed specifically for local government, saving you having to record these.



Get regular member newsletters with sector updates including Local Government Reform, Three Waters and Resource Management Act reforms, use case studies from New Zealand and overseas, vendor updates, new products in the market, technology updates, news on events in the sector and much more.



Who are ALGIM?

ALGIM has a small but mighty team at HQ including our Chief Executive, Administration Executive, Administration Assistant, Events Programme Coordinator, Information Management Lead, Data Analysis Lead, Technical Systems Lead, Customer Experience Lead, and Marketing and Communications Manager.

We are governed by a board of directors who are leaders in the various disciplines in councils and a representative from Audit NZ. The board represent all size councils across the country. ALGIM is run by local government for local government.



Co-Presidents Justin Bagust and Mariod Dowd

ALGIM Board

Justin Bagust, CIO, Timaru District Council

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What do our members say about ALGIM?

'In my opinion, ALGIM is a great professional body that provides a fabulous range of best-practice tools, training and leadership opportunities, education, guidance, networking and products supporting people working in the local government sector.

Being new to local government in 2020, I was pleasantly surprised and impressed with the calibre of material included on the website, communications from ALGIM, and the variety of practical webinars which have added value to my knowledge of how local government operates.

Over the last two years, I've taken advantage of courses provided by ALGIM for professional development. I was also lucky enough to be able to attend the (delayed) 2021 ALGIM annual conference in Wellington in June 2022. I found this to be a great networking opportunity.

There's so much potential and benefit in sharing information, especially when the outcomes mean standardised and better, if not best, practice.
Go ALGIM!"

Jane Smith, IRM Lead, Central Otago District Council

"I have been a member of ALGIM since 1998 and over that time have developed many relationships with colleagues from other councils and vendors that still stand today. Over that time real tangible benefits for members have been developed. t Here at Kapiti Coast, we particularly enjoy the webinar programme and actively promote it to our staff along with the Yammer groups for cross-council communication and various specialist training programmes.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year is the annual conference in November where you can learn what other councils are up to, network and develop relationships while pursuing your own professional development. I would strongly encourage anyone new to the local government sector to attend this event.

The beauty of ALGIM is in the willingness of its members to share information so don't be afraid to ask as someone will probably have had the same question and already found a solution."

Ewen Church, Chief Information Officer, Kapiti Coast District Council

Our elite partners

Our Elite Partners are a select few companies who share ALGIM's vision, and have made a big commitment to supporting local government.

You'll see our Elite Partners with a significant presence at our events, and we'll often be working with them throughout the year to bring workshops, webinars and thought leadership to local government.

We'd like to say a big thanks to our current Elite Partners, and recognise the way in which they enable ALGIM to continue bringing people and technology together, across local government.



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Our corporate partners

ALGIM's Corporate Members are a group of vendors who have a commitment to the local government sector, and a desire to show their support and build their brand in this market.

You will get to know them at our conference and through webinars and news throughout the year.

They are all listed here on our vendor marketplace where you can see what products and services each one provides.



What to do next

So, we have told you a bit about our association and how you might benefit from your automatic membership of ALGIM. Now, it is time to make sure you are signed up for everything to help you collaborate and take advantage of this huge group of 78 councils and all their staff, sharing knowledge, best practice and continual professional development.

To make the most of your membership, take the following steps:

- Register [here](#) to get access to member-only resources on our website and receive member newsletters.
- Join our [Yammer group](#) to chat to colleagues across New Zealand and Australia on current issues and topics of interest.
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).
- Get in touch with our [IM Lead](#), [CX Leader](#) and [Technical Lead](#) (web audit and Infobase). They are super-friendly and would love to digitally meet you.
- Check out our past webinars. You will need to have registered with us to access these.
- Check out [local government case studies and white papers](#) on our website.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

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**19-21 NOVEMBER 2024 - TĀKINA CONVENTION CENTRE
WELLINGTON**

