

Dear colleagues,

Next week, you will have the opportunity to vote in the election for Vice President of the IIMC, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. On Tuesday, you will receive the digital voting link. As a member of SLCC, you are automatically a member of this international organisation, and I hope you will cast your vote.

I am one of the candidates standing for election. If you have attended a SLCC conference since 2019, we have likely met. My name is Hans Rijs, I am 55 years old, and I come from the Netherlands. My wife is from Leeds in West Yorkshire, and England is my second home. I am a member of SLCC, the West Yorkshire Branch and I am honoured to have received a big support from many SLCC members. I have attended all National conferences and three of the Practitioners' conferences since 2019, so chances are we have met.

International collaboration and sharing is my drive. I have organised numerous exchanges between the Netherlands and the UK. In February 2022, I delivered training on three levels of the Community Governance course in Leicester, and in that same year, I organised the field trip to the Netherlands. Since 2019 I have arranged for all VvG conferences to be translated live into English. This makes it very easy for you to attend our conferences. If you are interested in attending, please feel free to reach out to me.

I am standing for Vice President of the IIMC because I strongly believe in international exchange and knowledge sharing. One of my key goals is to improve access to the international certification system for our members in the UK. If I am elected as the first European to hold this position, we can truly make progress and ensure that we all benefit much more from these opportunities.

If you would like to know more about me, my experience, and my plans, I invite you to visit my website, www.hansforiimcvp.com. I would be honoured to have your vote!

Best regards,

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Hans for IIMC VP

