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Dear Editor,

Your reader, Jo Bird, references the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and its offer of training around communicating with transgender people. (Letters, February 20).

As the professional body for clerks to more than 5,000 town, parish and community councils throughout England and Wales, this is a training opportunity we offer to our members alongside a range of others. As well as sector specific qualifications, we offer training to navigate the planning system, unravel the intricacies of public accounting and VAT, how to run cemeteries, play areas, allotments, major events, take on markets, encourage civility and respect at work and much more. We are driven by our member clerks on the type of training needed and then provide them with what helps them serve their councils and communities better.

Whilst others are welcome to attend our courses, the SLCC is a membership organisation with a small staff and small budgets and does not seek profits or external contributions. There's no direct promotion of our training outside of our membership and certainly none in Slapton, Devon.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Smith  
SLCC Chief Executive