



# Housing Practitioners' Conference 2022

## DATE

Thursday, May 26th &  
Friday, May 27th (half day)

## VENUE

Grand Hotel Malahide, Dublin

## COST

€320 pp. (accommodation not included)

For every 5 attendees booked, the  
6th can attend for free



An Ghníomhaireacht  
Tithíochta  
The Housing Agency



## *Housing For All: Supply, Sustainability and Capacity*

**The Housing Practitioners' Conference 2022 takes place over a day and a half in the Grand Hotel Malahide on Thursday, May 26th & Friday, May 27th.**

The Conference is being organised as a joint-initiative between the Institute of Public Administration and the Housing Agency.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien will open the Conference which will involve a day and a half of subject matter experts discussing best practice and policy on housing as well as a series of workshops. This year's conference is organised under the umbrella of Housing for All: Supply, Sustainability and Capacity.

Formal registration for the Conference is now open.

Accommodation must be booked separately through the Grand Hotel at a reduced rate, details of which will be forwarded in due course.

Please forward this to any colleagues who may be interested in attending.

***You can register to attend this conference at the link below or in the link provided in the attached email.***

***We look forward to seeing you there.***

**Register for this event at the link below:**

[Click here to book your place at the conference](#)

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## Housing for All: Supply, Sustainability and Capacity

### PROGRAMME - DAY 1 - THURSDAY 26 MAY 2022

## OFFICIAL OPENING



**Minister Darragh O'Brien**  
Minister of the  
Department of Housing,  
Local Government &  
Heritage



**Michael Carey**  
Chairman of The  
Housing Agency



**Carol Tallon**  
Moderator

## Housing for All

A new Housing Plan for Ireland



9.30 Registration | 17.00 End Session | 19.00 Pre-Dinner Reception | 20.00 Gala Dinner

### 10.20 SESSION 1: PROGRESS IN DELIVERING HOUSING FOR ALL

**Bob Jordan**  
CEO, The Housing Agency

**Áine Stapleton**  
Assistant Secretary, DHLGH

**Frank Curran**  
CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo

**Dónal McManus**  
CEO, ICSH

**Q&A**  
Moderated by Carol Tallon

### 11.15 TEA/COFFEE

### 11.30 SESSION 2: WORKSHOPS

1. Social Housing in Multiple  
Unit Developments

2. Disability

3. Tenant Engagement

4. AHB Collaboration

5. Bringing Vacant Properties  
Back Into Use

6. Energy Efficiency

### 13.00 LUNCH

### 14.15PM SESSION 3: HOMES ARE THE HEART OF COMMUNITIES

**Housing First**  
Rob Lowth, National Director  
of Housing First

**Age Friendly Housing**  
Catherine McGuigan, Chief  
Officer of Age Friendly Ireland

**International Protection**  
Tanya Ward, Chief Executive  
of Children's Rights Alliance

**Response**  
Grainia Long, Chief Executive  
of the Northern Ireland  
Housing Executive

### 15.15 TEA/COFFEE

### 15.30 SESSION 4: ENSURING AFFORDABILITY

**Affordable Housing Schemes**  
Caroline Timmons, Acting  
Assistant Secretary DHLGH

### Supporting Social & Affordable Housing

Barry O'Leary CEO, HFA

#### Part V

Catriona Lawlor, The Housing  
Agency

### Progress of Cost Rental in Ireland

Gwen Perry, Senior Executive  
Officer, The Housing Agency

### A Cost Rental Case Study

Fiona Cormican, Director of  
New Business at Clúid

### 16.45 SESSION 5: HOUSING UNLOCKED

#### Housing Unlocked

Nathalie Weadick - Director of  
the Irish Architectural  
Foundation

### 19.00 PRE-DINNER RECEPTION

### 20.00 GALA DINNER

10.00 First Session | 12.45 Closing Remarks & End of Session

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### 10.00 SESSION 6: INCREASING SUPPLY

#### Social Housing Delivery

David Kelly, Principal Officer,  
DHLGH

#### Housing for All

Siobhán Nic Thighearnáin,  
Principal Officer, DHLGH

#### Reducing Vacancy in the Social Housing Stock

Robert Burns, Director of  
Housing, Fingal CoCo

#### Co-operative Housing Ireland - Case Study

Eoin Carrol, Policy &  
Communications Manager,  
Co-operative Housing  
Ireland

#### Trends in the Private Rental Sector

Niall Byrne, Director of the  
Residential Tenancies Board

### 11.15 SESSION 7: ASSISTED DECISION-MAKING

#### Claire Feeney

SEO, The Housing  
Agency

### 11.45 SESSION 8: BUILDING CAPACITY

#### Changes to Planning in Housing for All

Maria Graham, Assistant  
Secretary, DHLGH

#### The Development Plan: Ensuring Capacity to Deliver Homes in the Right Locations

Niall Cussen, Chief  
Executive, Office of the  
Planning Regulator

#### How Can Capacity be Supported by the Housing Commission

John O'Connor, Chair of  
the Housing Commission

#### Professionalising the Housing Sector

Alex Dowdall, Senior  
Staff Officer, The  
Housing Agency

#### How AHBs Can Prepare to Meet Upcoming Requirements

Susanna Lyons, CEO,  
AHBRA

### 12.45 CLOSING REMARKS

#### Bob Jordan

CEO, The Housing  
Agency