



New Thinking for Housing

Workshops for Housing Managers

A new leadership programme has been jointly developed by the Institute of Public Administration and the Housing Agency for current and future housing managers in Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies. The programme is based around 2 x 2 day workshops and will take place in the IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin D04 TC62.

Current housing policy and practice present Local Authorities [LAs] and Approved Housing Bodies [AHBs] with challenges of an unprecedented nature – particularly in terms of implementing *Rebuilding Ireland – an Action Plan: For Housing and Homelessness*. These interactive workshops for housing practitioners in, or seeking, a managerial role, will encourage critical engagement from participants on current policy and new thinking in this area. The programme will raise awareness amongst key housing practitioners of the challenges associated with policy implementation whilst seeking to address these in a strategic manner.

The programme consists of 4 themed workshops and will include presentations from experienced housing professionals, facilitated group discussion and a small research project to be carried out between workshops 2 and 3. The workshops seek to consolidate and expand the knowledge of housing practitioners; in addition, it will provide participants with an opportunity to share their experiences and ideas with fellow practitioners.

Fees and Applications:

The full cost for this four-day programme is €750 per person. A financial contribution of €250 per person will be made by the Housing Agency, bringing the cost of the four modules down to **€500** per person.

Bookings can be made on the IPA website - www.ipa.ie

**FOUR WORKSHOPS
DELIVERED OVER 2 X 2 DAYS**



For Further Information or a booking form, please contact the IPA Central Bookings Office as follows:

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Dates:

Workshops 1 & 2:

12 & 13 September 2018

Workshops 3 & 4:

14 & 15 November 2018

Venue:

Institute of Public Administration,
57–61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin
D04 TC62

Workshop Facilitator

Eddie Lewis, Associate Lecturer with the IPA and former Principal Officer, DHPLG. Invited guests will also contribute.

Places:

There are 25 places available for the programme and these will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Bookings must be received in writing or via the IPA website.

Course Requirements

As part of the **New Thinking for Housing** workshops, participants will be invited to undertake a small research project into an aspect of their work and to present their findings to the class. Upon successful completion of attendance (**a minimum of 3 days is required**) and the project, each participant will receive a certificate from the IPA.

New Thinking for Housing: Workshops for Managers

Housing policy is often driven by events. But as it responds to changes in society and the economy, it seeks to do so in a consistent and deliberate manner, reflecting the objectives of government and the strategy in place to guide decision making. The **New Thinking for Housing** workshops are designed to examine and reflect on the policy environment within which LAs and AHBs deliver housing services and, in particular, provide social housing support.

Workshop 1: Access & demand

Who should have access to supported housing in Ireland [homeless services, social housing support and affordable housing] and under what conditions? Is it a right or a service subject to available resources?

The demand for supported housing is rising. Demographic movements, employment and income levels and the availability of finance all impact on demand. What actions can LAs and AHBs take that will improve their capacity to utilise existing schemes to help meet demand and plan for the future?

Workshop 2: Supply

Housing supports are delivered in many different forms and through a number of agents. The traditional housing model whereby LAs met housing need through direct building programmes has been replaced by a much more complex environment. How is this best managed so as to ensure that housing need is met in cost effective manner?

Workshop 3: Housing Management

LAs and AHBs own and/or manage upwards of 165,000 residential units. A proper system for managing these assets is critical both to achieve the social objectives of housing policy and to protect the value of state assets. What improvements can be made to the management systems in place to achieve these objectives?

Workshop 4: Regulation

With a broadening of the sources of social housing supply, changes in the regulatory regime governing the private rented and the voluntary sectors are required to ensure that these sectors provide long-term, affordable accommodation for households who are unable to meet their own housing need. What action are needed to help modernise the regulatory framework and how will this impact the work of local government?

Course Details

Workshops 1 and 3: Will take place from 10am to 5pm followed by Group Dinner at 7pm in a nearby hotel.

Workshops 2 and 4: Will take place from 9am to 4pm (to facilitate travel)

Refreshments, lunch and course materials provided on all days.