



National Housing Training &
Development Programme



Social Housing Fundamentals For Local Authorities

This is a two-day training course for staff in Local Authorities [LAs] involved in the provision of housing services. It is designed as an induction course for new staff and a refresher for those requiring an update on the fundamentals of social housing.

The two-day course is divided into four sessions. There are two sessions on the first day dealing with the context for the work of Local Authorities in the housing area. The first session provides a background to social housing and an overview of the policy framework for Local Authorities. In the second session there is a briefing on the current state of the housing market in Ireland and on how this may impact the work of Local Authorities.

Day Two of the course looks at the regulatory environment and at the statutory basis for the work of Local Authorities - and the direction and guidance issues for the implementation of different services and operations.

Fees and Application

The cost of the course is €350.

Cooking can be done online via the IPA website – www.ipa.ie

TWO-DAY PROGRAMME



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Dates and Venues:

26-27 October 2017

Clayton Hotel Galway, Ballybrit,
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Day 1:

Session 1: Policy Context

Session 2: The Housing Market

Day 2:

Session 3: Housing Legislation

Session 4: Regulatory Framework

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Complete Impact Assessment Test

To complete the course, participants will be given an Impact Assessment Test. This is an online multi-choice test to determine the assimilation of the course information. It normally takes place about two weeks after the course and can be undertaken a number of times if necessary.

Session 1: Policy Context

The activities of Local Authorities do not take place in a vacuum. There is a policy context within which decisions are made and services provided. It is important in administering schemes, providing services and undertaking the range of functions that are the responsibility of housing authorities that housing practitioners understand the intended purpose behind the activity. Session 1 will look at the background and objectives of housing policy and how these affect the day-to-day work of housing authorities.

Session 2: The Housing Market

The vision underlying the Social Housing Strategy 2020 is that every household in Ireland 'has access to secure, good-quality housing suited to their needs, at an affordable price in a sustainable community.' Housing authorities are charged, inter alia, with providing social and affordable housing for those unable to afford the cost of housing on the open market. But the provision of social housing is an integral part of this wider housing market. Housing practitioners need to understand how this market operates and what trends are emerging. Session 2 concentrates on the housing market - private rental and for

sale - and how it interacts with the work of Local Authorities.

Session 3: Housing Legislation

It is important for housing practitioners to have a good grasp of the regulatory basis that underlies the sector. The legislation provides the enabling powers for Local Authorities and AHBs, and governs the interaction between them. The Housing Acts 1966 - 2014 provide the main corpus of legislation that has to be dealt with, but aspects of Local Government and Planning Law are also important. Session 3 deals with an introduction to the regulatory framework that underpins the activities of Local Authorities, including its responsibilities under Residential Tenancies legislation.

Session 4: Regulation of LAs

The final session looks at the evolving regulatory regime as it applies to Local Authorities. Currently a voluntary code, the stated intention of Government is to give this statutory backing in the near future. The regulations will cover, inter alia, matters of governance, financial management and consumer protections.

Supplementary

The course will take place from 9.30am – 5.00pm on both days. Tea/Coffee and Lunch will be provided each day.

Participants will receive course documentation on each of the days.