



National Housing Training &
Development Programme



Planning & Part V for Housing Practitioners

TWO-DAY PROGRAMME

This two-day training course is for housing practitioners in Local Authorities [LAs] involved in the provision of housing services – and for planning staff requiring an update. The course is designed to provide a grounding in the planning system relating to the provision of housing. It will also enable staff to contribute to planning for housing needs in their administrative area.



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The course focuses on a brief introduction to planning in Ireland; on the statutory planning framework / development plan; and housing strategy processes. Housing needs and household compositions in Ireland are changing rapidly; planning for housing and housing allocation must change accordingly.

The course will begin with an outline of planning in Ireland; it then considers the key issues in supply and demand for housing - including affordability, demographics and the criteria for successful and sustainable communities. The course will also look at the tools and methodologies involved in planning for housing. The final part of the two day programme deals with practical aspects of housing strategies and Part V.

Fees & Application

The cost of the course is €350 for the two days.
Booking can be done online on the IPA website: www.ipa.ie

Dates and Venue

11 - 12 May 2017
Tullamore Court Hotel

Day 1

Session 1: Outline of the Planning System
Session 2: Issues in Housing

Day 2

Session 3: Planning for Housing
Session 4: The Housing Strategy and Part V

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Course Requirements

To complete the course, participants will be given an Impact Assessment Test. This is an online multi-choice test, designed to determine the assimilation of the information provided during the course. It is normally taken approximately two weeks after the course and can be undertaken more than once if necessary.

Session 1: Outline of the Planning System

The planning system in Ireland is a cascading structure of hierarchical plans from national frameworks to local area plans. This session briefly outlines that structure before focusing on the statutory process for county development plans and local area plans. It introduces and explains the role of the housing strategy including Part V, the core strategy, and of the local economic and community plan.

Session 2: Issues in Housing

Housing is a fundamental human need, but it is also critically important to the economic and social wellbeing of our communities. The way we live in Ireland is changing dramatically, requiring a new ways of looking at housing. This session introduces key issues in housing. It examines factors in supply and demand, including demography, viability and affordability. It looks at changing patterns of housing need and household composition, and considers the role of social housing provision. Finally, the session considers patterns and trends such as gentrification and residualisation together with the concepts of tenure mix and sustainable communities.

Session 3: Planning for Housing

This session turns to the practical considerations in planning for housing. It examines factors in siting housing, and reflects on zoning and mixed-use development and the importance of location, amenities and access. It also looks at the housing typologies required to meet the needs of the population, and urban design considerations (e.g. permeability and passive surveillance). Issues arising in the management and siting of social housing such as pepper-potting and clustered approaches are examined. The session considers the potential of regeneration, and some approaches ranging from relatively small interventions and limited infill, up to full-scale redevelopment.

Session 4: Housing Strategy and Part V

At the interface of the housing and planning functions of local authorities is the housing strategy, and in particular Part V. This session focuses on the housing strategy process and methodology and how it fits into the development plan. The session then focuses on Part V at a practical level, through a close examination of the options and considerations open to developers and local authorities, and negotiation of a Part V agreement.

Course Information

Classes will typically run from 9.30am to 4.30pm each day with registration from 9.00am on the first morning. Participants will receive course documentation and handouts on each of the days. Tea/Coffee and Lunch will be provided both days.