



New Thinking for Housing

Workshops for Housing Managers

This 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 four (4) workshops and will take place in the IPA on 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 among key housing practitioners of the challenges associated with policy implementation whilst seeking to address these in a strategic manner.

The programme consists of three (3) themed workshops and a presentation on a research project. The workshops will have input from experienced housing professionals, facilitated group discussion and assisting participants in preparing their research project. 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 4 modules down to **€500** per person. *only applies when attending all four modules. **Bookings can be made on the IPA website - www.ipa.ie**

**4 WORKSHOPS DELIVERED
OVER 4 DAYS**



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

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Dates:

Workshop 1: 3 October 2019

Workshop 2: 19 November 2019

Workshop 3: 27 February 2020

Workshop 4: 28 February 2020

Venue:

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

Workshop Facilitators:

Eddie Lewis, Associate Lecturer with the IPA and former Principal Officer, DHPLG and invited guests.

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: Research Presentation

Special Topic: A guest lecturer will present on a topic of current interest. This will be followed by presentations from the class.

Participants, singly or as part of a group, present the findings from a research project that they have undertaken over the five months of the course. The research will generally be related to their work but does not need to be so.

Course Details

The workshops will take place from 10:00am to 5:00pm (approximately) at the IPA in Dublin D04 TC62. Refreshments, lunch and course materials are provided on all days.

There will be a dinner provided after the first day of the two days of workshops in February 2020.