



New Thinking for Housing

Workshops for Housing Professionals

A new leadership management programme has been jointly developed by the Institute of Public Administration and the Housing Agency for current and future Housing Managers and professionals in Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies. The programme is based around 3 x 1 Day seminar/workshops and 1 x 2 Day workshop/research presentation that 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 and place increased pressure on staff in both entities to deliver on the objectives of governmental programmes. These interactive workshops for housing professionals in, or seeking, a leadership/management role, will encourage critical engagement from participants on current policy and new thinking in this area. The programme will inform key housing professionals of the challenges associated with policy implementation whilst seeking to address these challenges in a strategic manner.

The programme consists of five (5) themed workshops that will include lectures from experienced housing professionals, facilitated group discussions and a small research project to be presented out at Workshop 5. The workshops seek to consolidate and expand the knowledge of housing professionals and increase the cadre of skilled professionals working in this sector. They will also provide participants with an opportunity to share their experiences and ideas with fellow practitioners with the ultimate aim of increasing the professionalisation of housing.

Fees and Applications:

The full cost for this four-day programme is €850 per person. A financial contribution of €350 per person will be made by the Housing Agency, bringing the cost of the five modules down to **€500** per person -- *provided that all 5 modules are attended*. Please book via the IPA website [here](#).

**FIVE WORKSHOPS DELIVERED
OVER 3 X 1 DAYS & 1 X 2 DAYS**



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

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Dates:

Workshop 1: 25 May 2020

Workshop 2: 22 June 2020

Workshop 3: 25 September 2020

Workshops 4 & 5: 12 & 13 Oct 2020

Venue:

Institute of Public Administration,
57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4,
D04 TC62

Workshop Facilitator:

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

Places:

There are 20 places available for the programme and these will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Bookings must be received in writing and can be made 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. Upon successful completion of attendance (**a minimum of 4 days is required**) and the project, each participant will receive a certificate from the IPA.

New Thinking for Housing: Workshops for Housing Professionals and Leaders

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 175,000 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?

Workshop 5: 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) each day at the Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge Dublin, D04 TC62. Tea/Coffee and a light lunch will be included at each workshop. A dinner will also be provided after Workshop 4 (Day one of the two days of workshops).