

# Housing Conference 2022

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# Housing for all

Experience of the Covid-19 pandemic has evidenced the need to deliver decent, adequate, affordable, and sustainable housing for all by 2030, as per the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

In this context, the fact that not everyone has access to a safe, secure, and affordable home or is enabled to live, work, learn, and socialise in a vibrant and cohesive community has been transparently exposed. Consequently, housing policy will remain firmly on the agenda of governments beyond this decade.

Improved affordable housing outcomes can simultaneously address ongoing climate action obligations and ambitions, while stimulating socioeconomic recovery required in the wake of the pandemic.

Published in September 2021, the Government's Housing for All plan has been heralded as a radical departure from Rebuilding Ireland and the "largest State building programme in our history".

Underpinned by an average annual investment exceeding €4 billion, the Government believes that the new housing plan for Ireland can embed environmental, economic, and social sustainability into the housing system.

With a promise to deliver 300,000 homes by 2030, including 90,000 social homes, 36,000 affordable homes, 18,000 cost rental homes, and 156,000 homes from the private market, Housing for All contains four pathways:

1. **Pathway to supporting home ownership and increasing affordability;**
2. **Pathway to eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery, and supporting social inclusion;**
3. **Pathway to increasing new housing supply; and**
4. **Pathway to addressing vacancy and efficient use of housing stock.**

Specific commitments include: increasing overall supply; delivering more social housing; the delivery of three schemes to increase affordability; implementation of greater protections for renters; support for those experiencing homelessness; planning changes to reduce delays in consolidating supply; addressing vacancy; and long-term measures to ensure sustainability.

In this context, the 2022 conference will host a variety of expert domestic and international speakers who will comprehensively explore the latest ambitions, challenges, and tangible opportunities for Ireland's housing practitioners.

# Key issues to be examined:

1. Housing for All ambitions and implementation
2. Addressing the housing demand and supply imbalance
3. Eliminating the existing housing stock deficit
4. Supporting increased affordability
5. Creating a large-scale affordable cost-rental sector in Ireland
6. Eradicating homelessness
7. Maintenance and management of existing housing stock
8. Enabling a more sustainable housing system
9. The holistic role of AHBs
10. The role of the LDA in developing cost rental housing
11. Enhancing local authority capacity
12. Incentivising the refurbishment of vacant properties
13. Reducing the cost of construction
14. Changes to planning and development in Ireland

# Confirmed speakers



**Minister Darragh O'Brien TD**



**Donal McManus**  
CEO, Irish Council for Social Housing



**Bob Jordan**  
CEO, The Housing Agency



**John-Mark McCafferty**  
CEO, Threshold



**Fidelma McManus**  
Partner, Beauchamps



**Pat Doyle**  
CEO, Peter McVerry Trust



**Katarina Ivanković Knežević**  
Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission



**Juha Kahila**  
Lead Coordinator  
Y-Foundation



**Tbc**  
Director of Housing  
Fingal County Council



**Pádraig McGoldrick**  
Interim Director  
Residential Tenancies Board



**John Coleman**  
Chief Executive  
Land Development Agency



**Pat Barry**  
CEO, Irish Green Building Council



**Declan Dunne**  
CEO, Respond



**Barry O'Leary**  
CEO, Housing Finance Agency



**Sharon Cosgrove**  
CEO, Oaklee Housing

# Programme

- 0830 REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE
- 0900 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:  
**Fidelma McManus**, Partner, **Beauchamps**
- 0905 A NEW HOUSING PLAN FOR IRELAND  
*Delivering Housing for All*  
Minister Darragh O'Brien TD, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage  
*Supporting the implementation and progressive development of affordable purchase and cost rental*  
**Bob Jordan**, CEO, **The Housing Agency**  
*"The largest ever housing budget": Financing local authorities, AHBs and the education sector to deliver housing*  
**Barry O'Leary**, CEO, **Housing Finance Agency**  
*The role of social housing sector in the European Platform on Combating Homelessness*  
**Katarina Ivanković Knežević**, Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, **European Commission**
- 1045 MORNING BREAK
- 1115 INCREASING HOUSING DELIVERY  
*The role of local authorities in the planning and provision of affordable homes on public lands*  
**Tbc**, Director of Housing, **Fingal County Council**  
*Advancing Project Tosaigh to accelerate the delivery of new, affordable homes*  
**John Coleman**, Chief Executive, **Land Development Agency**  
*Delivering Ireland's first cost-rental tenure model*  
**Declan Dunne**, CEO, **Respond**  
*Removing the barriers to the speedy delivery of homes*  
**Sharon Cosgrove**, CEO, **Oaklee Housing**  
*Increasing the stock of permanent social and affordable housing*  
**Donal McManus**, CEO, **Irish Council for Social Housing**
- 1300 LUNCH BREAK
- 1400 ERADICATING HOMELESSNESS  
*International collaboration to eradicate homelessness*  
**Juha Kahila**, Lead Coordinator and  
**Saija Turunen**, Research Manager, **Y-Foundation**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION:**  
ERADICATING HOMELESSNESS  
**Juha Kahila**, Lead Coordinator, **Y-Foundation**  
**Saija Turunen**, Research Manager, **Y-Foundation**  
**John-Mark McCafferty**, CEO, **Threshold**  
**Pat Doyle**, CEO, **Peter McVerry Trust**
- 1500 COFFEE BREAK
- 1520 EFFICIENT USE OF HOUSING STOCK  
*#Housing2030: Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region*  
**Gulnara Roll**, Secretary, Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**  
*Addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock*  
**Catherine Keenan**, Director of Housing, **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Council**  
*Reshaping the RTB's services to adapt to the needs of tenants and landlords during the pandemic*  
**Pádraig McGoldrick**, Interim Director, **Residential Tenancies Board**  
*Home Performance Index: Going beyond energy efficiency*  
**Pat Barry**, CEO, **Irish Green Building Council**
- 1700 CONFERENCE CLOSE



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## Who should attend?

The conference will be of interest to all stakeholders involved in aspects of housing, funding and management including senior managers in the public, private and third sectors in Ireland. The conference will be of particular interest to:

- Professionals in housing policy and delivery;
- Government departments and agencies;
- Those providing benefits advice;
- Housing associations;
- Policy / public affairs advisors;
- The construction industry;
- Project funders;
- Legal advisors;
- Housing and planning consultants;
- The community / voluntary sector / NGOs;
- Local elected representatives.

## Networking opportunity

The conference is structured in a way to provide a high level of interaction between speakers and delegates.

There will be plentiful opportunities for questions as well as discussion in each of the sessions. In the breaks and margins of the event there will also be ample scope for business development.

## Benefits of attending

Delegates attending the conference will:

- ✓ Hear directly from leaders across the housing sector
- ✓ Discuss the delivery of the *Rebuilding Ireland* plan
- ✓ Look at issues around funding and financing
- ✓ Meet with fellow professionals from across the sector
- ✓ Debate the challenge of meeting housing needs

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