



**An Ghníomhaireacht
Tithíochta**
The Housing Agency

HOUSING CONFERENCE 2020

Ireland shares many housing challenges with other developed economies. For example, providing the right housing in the right places; addressing affordability; and ensuring that our housing stock contributes to both sustainable communities and environmental sustainability.

Delivered in a virtual format, The Housing Agency's Annual Conference 2020 will explore these challenges in themed sessions over the course of a week. Each session will provide expert input, followed by questions and discussion.

The final session will allow housing practitioners to learn about opportunities to further their professional skills and career development.

Participation at the conference is free, but advance registration is required. Registration links are provided with the details of each session. Please note that these sessions may be recorded for future use.





Monday 30th
November
11.30-1pm

Key Challenges

This session places Ireland's housing sector in a broader context, exploring the challenges, and considering learning from other countries.

A particular focus will be the findings of a recent OECD Policy Brief on Social Housing, which explores common themes & challenges experienced across a range of developed economies.

Speakers:

- Welcome: Michael Carey, Chair, The Housing Agency
- Opening: Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD
- Social Housing in OECD countries: Willem Adema, Senior Economist, OECD Social Policy Division
- Decent & Sustainable Housing for all: Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General, Housing Europe
- Key Challenges for Ireland: John O'Connor, CEO, The Housing Agency

Q&A and panel discussion

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Tuesday 1st
December
11.30-1pm

Preventing Homelessness

Prevention is better than cure.

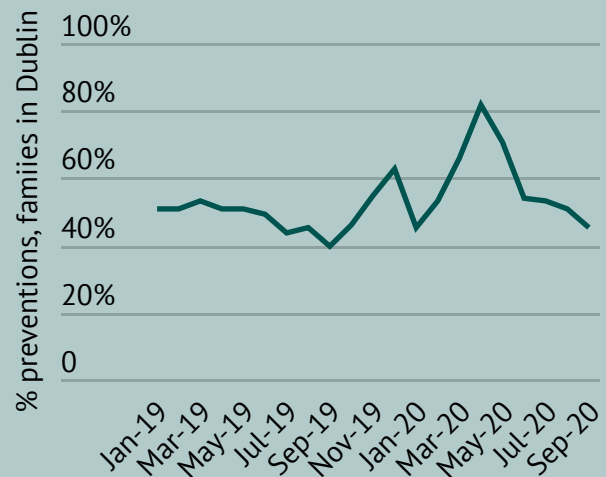
Since 2019, prevention initiatives have meant that over half of families in the Dublin region presenting as homeless have been able to stay at home and avoid homeless accommodation.

What steps can we take to consolidate progress? What can we learn from European prevention initiatives?

Speakers:

- Chair: Ursula McNulty, Head of Research, The Housing Agency
- Prevention Initiatives: Eileen Gleeson, Director, Dublin Region Homeless Executive
- Protecting Tenancies: John Mark McCafferty, CEO, Threshold
- Prevention in Europe: Ruth Owen, Deputy Director, FEANTSA

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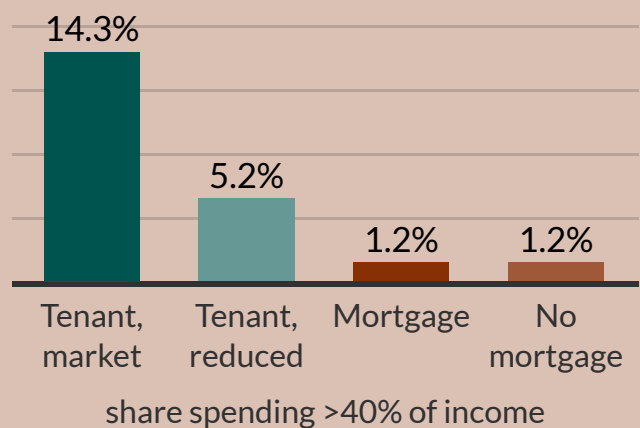


Wednesday
2nd December
11.30-1pm

Housing Affordability

Housing affordability is a policy area with many moving parts. Budget 2021 funded two new affordability initiatives, currently in development.

Who experiences affordability pressures in Ireland? Is cost rental the solution? And can local authorities afford to maintain housing stock?



Speakers:

- Chair: John McCartney, Director of Policy & Communications, The Housing Agency
 - Housing Cost Overburden in Ireland: Conor O'Toole, Senior Research Officer, ESRI
 - Cost Rental in Ireland: Jim Baneham, Director of Delivery, The Housing Agency
 - Sustainable Financing of Council Housing: Prof Michelle Norris & Dr Aideen Hayden, UCD
- Q&A and panel discussion

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Thursday
3rd December
11.30-1pm

Sustainable Communities

Building sustainable housing and communities is a key goal of housing policy. This session will consider different aspects of the sustainability challenge, exploring findings of new research on housing design, the value of resident participation, and possibilities under the EU's Renovation Wave.

collaboration
new green deal
innovation
renovation
bio-diversity
environment
design
transport
ambition
culture
social
shared facilities
economic
sustainable
flexibility
participation
green infrastructure
affordable

Speakers:

- Chair: Dr Aoife Corcoran, Sustainability Advisor, The Housing Agency
 - The European Renovation Wave - greening buildings, creating jobs, improving lives: Ciarán Cuffe, MEP
 - Case study on housing sustainability actions in local authorities: Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive, Sligo County Council
 - Sustainable Housing Design – Learning from Europe: Isoilde Dillon, (formerly) The Housing Agency
- Q&A and panel discussion

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Friday
4th December
10.30-12pm

Build Your Career in Housing

Beginning a new career, or a new role, in the housing sector during a pandemic can be challenging. This interactive session offers career advice, information on professional development and educational opportunities in the housing sector.



Speakers:

- Chair: David Silke, Director of Operations, The Housing Agency
- Education Opportunities for Housing Professionals: Housing Training Network members the IPA & ICSH
- Starting a New Role in 'Lockdown': Tom Bamber, Chartered Institute of Housing trainer
- Career Insights: panel discussion sharing insights from a career in housing
- Conclusion: Housing Practitioner Peer Network

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