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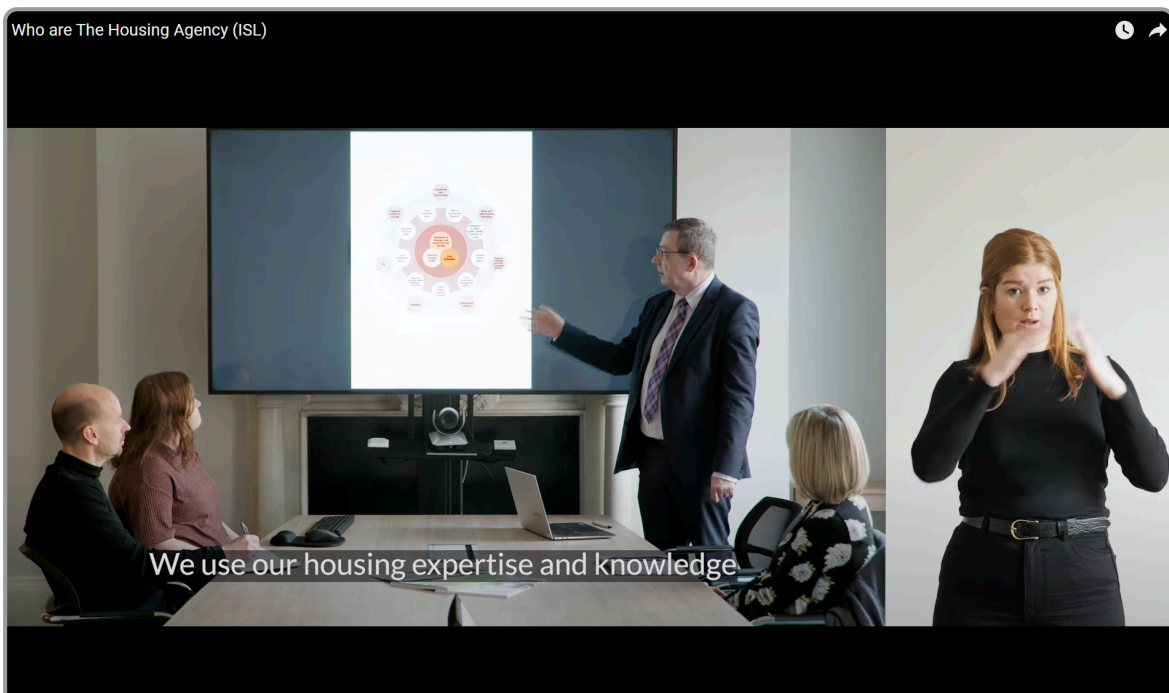
Welcome to The Housing Agency's Quarter 1 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to The Housing Agency external stakeholder newsletter for Quarter 1, 2024.

The Housing Agency is a team of dedicated housing professionals working towards delivering sustainable and affordable housing for all. Our quarterly newsletter gathers together useful information for housing practitioners.

At The Housing Agency, we work to provide solutions to housing problems. We use our knowledge & expertise to support the delivery of high-quality homes and thriving communities.

We have created the below video to explain the range of work we do.



Watch the video

HOUSING PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE 2024

DAY 1 AGENDA – THURSDAY, APRIL 25th



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EVENT REGISTRATION 8.30 – 9.30am	WORKSHOPS 1 11.30 – 12.45pm	WORKSHOPS 2 3.30 – 4.50pm
CONFERENCE OPENING 9.30 – 9.50am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome – Michael Carey, The Housing AgencyOpening address – Darragh O'Brien TD, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH)Q&A with Minister & Eileen Dunne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multi-Unit DevelopmentsAffordable PurchaseCommunicationsTraveller AccommodationCareers in HousingAge Friendly Homes LUNCH 12.45 – 1.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apartment RemediationCost RentalRental SectorHSE Community CareProtecting Staff WellbeingAllocation ProcessProjects and Procurement
SESSION 1 - PROGRESS DELIVERY & FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES 9.50 – 11.10am – chair: Eileen Dunne <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bob Jordan (The Housing Agency)Aine Stapleton (DHLGH)Éadaoin Ní Chléirigh (ICSH)Margaret Geraghty (LGMA)	JOHN RYAN – HEALTHY PLACE TO WORK 1.45 – 2.15pm	DAY 1 CLOSE 5pm
BREAK 11.10 – 11.30am	SESSION 2 - VACANT HOMES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION 2.15 – 3.30pm – chair: Claire Feeney <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ann Marie O'Connor (DHLGH)Claire O'Sullivan (Tinteán)Brigid Deenihan (Carlow CC)Walter Holden (Waterford CC)Alison O'Rourke (Cork CC)	PRE-DINNER RECEPTION 7 – 8pm
		EVENING DINNER 8pm

Housing Practitioners' Conference 2024

The 2024 Housing Practitioners' Conference will take place in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath on Thursday, 25 April and Friday, 26 April 2024 (half day). The conference will be opened by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien T.D.

The theme of this year's conference is "Opportunities for Sustainable Housing". It will involve a mix of plenary sessions and workshops. Sessions will cover 'Progress Delivery and Future Opportunities', 'Vacant Homes: Opportunities for Collaboration', 'Funding Opportunities', and 'Opportunities for a Sustainable Future'.

You can register for the event on the IPA website at the following [LINK](#) and the programme for the event can be found on [The Housing Agency website](#).

Hotels/B&Bs	Contact details	Booking reference
Greville Arms Hotel	0449348563	034642
Bloomfield House Hotel	0449340894	The Housing Agency
Marlinstown Court B&B	0449340053	
Inny River Lodge	0449373259	
Railway House B&B	0449341142	
Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	0579346666	108629
Johnstown Estate, Enfield, Co. Meath	0469540000 and dial 1	The Housing Agency

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Leadership in Housing Bursary Award 2024



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Seamus De Faoite, Senior Executive Officer at Cork County Council, and Gerard O'Sullivan, Senior Engineer, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council were both awarded The Housing Agency *Leadership in Housing Bursary Award*.

Launched in September 2023, the new bursary award will support students to enrol on the Diploma in Leadership Development course at the UCD Smurfit Graduate Business School, geared towards experienced managers in decision-making positions.

[Read the press release](#)



The Housing Agency is a Best Workplace

The Housing Agency has been officially recognised as one of the Best Workplaces in Ireland™ in 2024.

Ireland's Best Workplaces™ 2024 is a list recognising the top certified organisations of all sizes and industry sectors in Ireland. You can read more about this here - [The Housing Agency named as one of the Best Workplaces™ in Ireland 2024 | The Housing Agency](#)

We are now hiring for a number of roles. View our vacancies at the link below.

[View our current opportunities](#)

The Housing Agency Essay Prize

The winner of the 2023 Housing Agency Essay Prize competition is Killian O'Sullivan for the essay entitled "Childcare Provision in New Housing".

Two runner - up prizes were awarded to Malachy Egan for the essay entitled "The Land Development Agency – A Structural Analysis within Irish Housing Policy" and Stephen Owens for the essay entitled "Do publicly available statistics and associated commentary improve our understanding of the Irish housing market."

[Read the winning entries](#)



Affordable Homes website

Affordablehomes.ie provides information on the Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental schemes as well as other supports available such as the Help to Buy scheme and the Local Authority Home Loan. The website contains step-by-step guides on the different schemes available, a set of FAQs and a section where any available properties can be advertised.

For more information visit: <https://affordablehomes.ie>

[Watch our affordablehomes.ie video here](#)

Policy Insights Series Issue 4

The Policy Insight papers aim to disseminate good practice in housing and innovative solutions among housing practitioners in Ireland.

Policy Insights Series Issue 4, *Office-to-Residential Conversions: Case Studies from Tuath Housing* is a case study on two office to residential developments by Tuath housing, in Dublin and Cork.

[Read Policy Insights Series - Issue 4](#)



The Housing Agency Community Gain Project

The Housing Agency will partner with Avista for the 2024 Community Gain Project. Avista currently provide a wide range of supports services to over 3,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities and complex support needs, and their families.

The project will be at Phoenix View – a day service providing a varied programme to adults. The project will involve the regeneration of four garden areas where individual and group activities take place. The regeneration will include wall painting, planting, landscaping, and the installation of all-weather grass.

The project aims to create four accessible and creative outdoor garden spaces affording those who attend Phoenix View the opportunity to participate in relaxation, gardening and outdoor activities.

Fundraising for the project will commence shortly and the project will be completed in one day in early July.



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MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

OMCs: Role of Corporate Enforcement Authority

The Housing Agency presents a webinar on the Corporate Enforcement Authority's role in company law compliance for OMCs. The CEA will discuss matters including directors' duties, encouraging compliance, resources, enforcement, and complaints processes.

Tuesday, 16th April 2024 @12.30pm

For more information and to register visit housingagency.ie/news-and-events

MUDs Webinars

Three MUDs webinars, which attracted a total of almost 1,300 attendees, have been delivered to date this year. A fourth session, '*Owners' Management Companies and the role of the Corporate Enforcement Authority*' will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

Previous webinars, and links to the webinar recordings are listed below:

1. [Launch of the MUDs Insurance Guide - YouTube channel.](#)
2. [Webinar with Property Services Regulatory Authority - YouTube channel.](#)
3. [Webinar on Waste Management and Recycling in MUDs - YouTube channel.](#)

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MUDs Outreach Events

In Autumn 2024, the Agency will host regional outreach events for stakeholders in multi-unit developments and owners' management companies. Details of regional locations and events dates will follow on www.housingagency.ie.

Useful websites and resources

[The Housing Manual](#) is an excellent resource for housing practitioners and includes circulars, guidance documents and toolkits from across the housing sector. You have to register for the site using your work email. Register at [this link](#) and if you have any queries contact manual@housingagency.ie.

[The Housing Training Network](#) is a network of Housing professionals.

[Key Irish Housing Publications 2023](#) – is a reference document with information for housing practitioners, academics and students. It lists, by month, Irish housing papers, publications, and reports with links to sources from 2023.

[Summary of Oireachtas Activity](#) - The Housing Agency's policy team monitors housing activity within the Oireachtas. You can read the most recent update above.

[Age Friendly Homes](#) provides support and information on housing topics of relevance to older people.

[Supports Guide for Young People](#) - The Supports Guide for Young People provides an overview of the supports and services available to young people in Ireland. It was launched in September 2023.

[Information and Communication Strategy](#) - As part of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People (NHSDP), The Housing Agency has developed an Information and Communication Strategy.

[Spotlight on Housing Research Series](#) – Spotlight on Housing Research is an engaging new series by The Housing Agency. The series focusses on different Researchers in the housing sector across the country and some of their recent work.

[Trauma Informed Care Webinar Series](#) – Catch up on The Housing Agency's highly informative series Trauma Informed Care, which concluded on March 27th.

Subscribe to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage - [Housing for All E-Zine](#).

Recent media and interviews

- In January, Rob Lowth, Director of the Housing First National Office was interviewed by The Currency [Skimping on homeless services “doesn’t work”. The State is about to pay more for them - The Currency](#) :The Currency
- In January, Bob Jordan was interviewed by the Business Post - [Homeowners must accept values falling, state housing chief says | Business Post](#)
- In February Bob Jordan was interviewed by the Irish Daily Mail [Housing boss insists they've learned from past mistakes \(businessplus.ie\)](#)
- In February Rob Lowth, Director of the Housing First National Office was interviewed by The Irish Catholic - [Paving the path to freedom for the most challenged homeless - The Irish Catholic](#)
- A profile of the Projects and Procurement team was published on March 1st in Eolas Magazine - [eolas magazine issue 62 by bmf business services - Issuu](#)



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