



The Housing Agency

Annual Conference 2019

Housing and Sustainability

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Aviva Stadium, Dublin



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Conference Programme



08:00 Registration: Tea/Coffee

08:30 Opening

Eoghan Murphy TD, Minister for Housing,
Planning and Local Government

08:50 Welcome and Introduction
to Session 1

Michael Carey, Chairman, Housing Agency

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09:00 The Contribution of Housing
to Climate Action

Laura Burke, Director General, EPA

09:20 Sustainable Housing and
Communities: a Comparative
Perspective

Dr Nessa Winston, Associate Professor in Social
Policy in the School of Social Policy, Social Work
and Social Justice, University College Dublin

09:40 Property and Construction
Sustainability

Krystyna Rawicz, Managing Director,
KRA Visionary Project Partners

10:00 SEAI's Vision for Climate Action

Orla Coyle, Programme Manager,
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

10:20 Q&A

10:30 Tea/Coffee

**Session 2: Chair, Paul Hogan, Principal
Adviser, Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government**

10:50 Environmental Planning Policy –
Housing and Sustainability: the
Rural Dimension

Mark Scott, Professor of Planning,
UCD School of Architecture, Planning
and Environmental Policy

11:10 Sustainability and Affordability

Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General,
Housing Europe

11:40 Copenhagen: a Case Study

Amanda Ziegler Dybbroe, Project Manager,
CCPD, Copenhagen

12:10 Q&A

12:45 Closing Remarks

John O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer,
Housing Agency

13:00 Lunch

Housing and Sustainability

Our vision is to promote the building of sustainable communities.

Sustainable communities are ones that last – they are places that are well planned, with good quality housing, places where people want to live and where they have opportunities.

These factors help a community to function well. Our focus is on creating sustainable communities within our villages, towns and cities.



Speakers' Biographies



Eoghan Murphy TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

Before being appointed to Cabinet, Eoghan Murphy served as the Minister of State at the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform, with special responsibility for Financial Services, eGovernment and Public Procurement.



Michael Carey, Chairman, Housing Agency

Michael Carey has extensive experience in overseeing State bodies, having served as Chairman of Bord Bia (2011-2018), and as Chair of the Grow Dublin Tourism Alliance in 2016.



Laura Burke, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency

Laura Burke was appointed as the Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2011 and served as a Director within the EPA since 2004. Laura is the Chair of the European Environment Agency (EEA) Management. Prior to joining the EPA, she worked in the private sector. Laura is a graduate chemical engineer of University College Dublin (UCD), holds an MSc from Trinity College, Dublin, is a Fellow of the Irish Academy of Engineering and is a Chartered Director. In 2016 Laura was awarded the UCD Engineering Graduates Association (EGA) Distinguished Graduate Award.



Dr Nessa Winston, Associate Professor in Social Policy in the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, University College Dublin

Dr Nessa Winston is Associate Professor in Social Policy in the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. Her main research interests focus on sustainable communities and include: alternative approaches to housing provision (e.g. housing co-operatives, co-housing); housing, ageing and older people; food, fuel/energy and transport poverty; and urban regeneration for more sustainable communities. She is a coordinator of an interdisciplinary Working Group on Housing and Urban Sustainability, within the European Network for Housing Researchers. She is the co-founder and member of the Irish Social Policy Association.



Krystyna Rawicz, Managing Director, KRA Visionary Project Partners

During her years with Birmingham City Council, Krystyna's work included large scale urban regeneration projects. She joined Hamilton Osborne King, (now Savills) on arrival in Ireland. She has headed up KRA Visionary Project Partners since 2000. More recently, she established KRA Renewables as a sister company, to assist clients in the transition to a low-carbon, energy-efficient, sustainable future.



Orla Coyle, Programme Manager, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

Orla Coyle is a Chartered Engineer and Programme Manager for NZEB and High Performance Retrofit within the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. She has over 20 years' experience in the energy performance of buildings both in Ireland and Australia. Prior to joining SEAI, Orla was a director in a consulting practice involved the environmental, energy and sustainable assessment for a range of new and existing buildings.

Speakers' Biographies



Paul Hogan, Principal Adviser – Planning with the National and Regional Planning Implementation Division in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Paul Hogan has responsibility for the provision of professional planning advice within the Department, especially within the Planning Division. He works closely with the Housing Delivery and Housing Policy, Legislation and Governance Divisions in particular, in relation to the preparation of planning policy and legislation, the implementation of the National Planning Framework and the development of best planning practice among regional assemblies and local authorities and An Bord Pleanála.



Mark Scott, Professor of Planning in the School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy, University College Dublin

Mark Scott's research is focused on rural planning, sustainable places and the environmental dimensions of spatial planning practice. He has published over 100 scientific papers/reports in these areas, including recently published books on Rural Planning and Development.



Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General, Housing Europe, Brussels

Secretary General of Housing of Europe, the European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing. Housing Europe brings together public, cooperative and social housing providers from across Europe. They share a vision of a Europe which provides access to decent and affordable housing for all in communities which are socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and where everyone is enabled to reach their full potential. Before being named Secretary General, Sorcha has dedicated herself to promoting inclusive housing policies and a fair energy transition in the EU and across Europe in several positions. She graduated from the University of the City of Dublin in applied languages, with a Master in European Studies from the Catholic University of Louvain and a Graduate Certificate focused on Advanced Studies of Energy and Environment from the University of East London.



Amanda Ziegler Dybbroe, Project Manager, CCPD, Copenhagen

Amanda Ziegler Dybbroe is a project manager in the department of Planning & Sustainability at Copenhagen City and Port Development (CCPD) where she works on the sustainable urban planning of Copenhagen. She has a Masters degree in urban planning and geography from Roskilde University.



John O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Agency

John O'Connor was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Agency in 2010. He was previously the Chief Executive of the Affordable Homes Partnership and prior to that Executive Manager with Dublin City Council's Housing Department.