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A sustainable housing system for all

Now in its third year of implementation, sustainability permeates Housing for All's four pathways. A sustainable housing system for all means having a housing system which is socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable.

Indeed, in publishing the latest update to the Housing for All action plan, the Government acknowledges that the realisation of its targets – across all housing types – necessitates the delivery of a sustainable housing system.

However, a widening viability gap in the residential construction sector must be also bridged. In 2024, there will be a major focus on improving the viability of residential construction, including through modern methods of construction and enhanced construction sector capacity.

In this context, the Housing Ireland 2024 conference will host a range 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 implementation and progress
2. Delivering homes on state lands
3. The role of local authorities in the planning and provision of affordable homes
4. European housing policy perspective
5. Design for social and affordable housing
6. Decarbonising the social housing sector
7. Raising house building standards in Northern Ireland
8. Ensuring a supply of sustainable and climate resilient housing
9. Addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing housing stock
10. Overcoming challenges to residential construction
11. Bridging the viability gap
12. Delivering a more developed, responsive, and appropriate housing system
13. Report of The Housing Commission
14. A referendum on a constitutional right to housing in Ireland

Expert speaker panel includes:



Darragh O'Brien TD
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage



Fidelma McManus
Partner and Head of Housing
Beauchamps



Dara Turnbull
Research Coordinator
Housing Europe



Bob Jordan
Chief Executive Officer
The Housing Agency



Niall Cussen
Chief Executive and Planning Regulator, **Office of the Planning Regulator**



Áine Stapleton
Assistant Secretary, Social Housing Delivery, **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage**



Caroline Timmons
Acting Assistant Secretary, Housing Affordability, Inclusion and Homelessness
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage



John O'Connor
Chair
The Housing Commission



John Coleman
Chief Executive, **The Land Development Agency**



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



Magdalena Hajdukiewicz
Co-Director
ConstructInnovate



Sarah-Jane Piscioti
Innovation and Design Director
John Sisk & Son (Sisk Living)



Claire McManus
Director, **JFOC Architects** and Spokesperson on Housing, **RIAI**



Enda McGuane
President, **Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland**



Ali Grehan
City Architect
Dublin City Council



Declan Dunne
CEO, **Respond**



Owen Reidy, General Secretary, **Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)**



David Duffy, Director, Property Industry Ireland, **Ibec**



Mary Conway, Chairperson
Irish Property Owners Association



John Hannigan
Chair
The Housing Alliance

Programme

08.30 Registration and morning coffee

09.00 **Chair's welcome and introduction:**
Fidelma McManus, Partner and Head of Housing
Beauchamps

09.05 **CONFERENCE PLENARY: DELIVERING
HOUSING FOR ALL**

MINISTERIAL ADDRESS AND Q&A

Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local
Government and Heritage

Pathways towards sustainable housing for all
Bob Jordan, Chief Executive Officer
The Housing Agency

**Unlocking State land, opening doors to affordable
homes**
John Coleman, Chief Executive and Board Member
The Land Development Agency

**Delivering on housing in Ireland: A European policy
perspective**
Dara Turnbull, Research Coordinator, Housing Europe

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

10.45 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11.15 **Design for social and affordable housing**
Senior representatives, Department of Housing, Local
Government and Heritage

Decarbonising the social housing sector
John Hannigan, Chief Executive
Circle VHA and Chair, The Housing Alliance

Raising house building standards in Northern Ireland
Pádraig Venney, Regional Director
National House Building Council (NHBC)

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

12.15 **DISCUSSION PANEL: ENSURING A SUPPLY OF
SUSTAINABLE AND CLIMATE RESILIENT
HOUSING**

Chair: Fidelma McManus, Partner and Head of
Housing, Beauchamps

- Pat Barry, CEO, Irish Green Building Council
- Magdalena Hajdukiewicz, Co-Director
ConstructInnovate
- Sarah-Jane Piscioffi, Innovation and Design Director
John Sisk & Son (Sisk Living)
- Claire McManus, Director, JFOC Architects
and Spokesperson on Housing, RIAI

13.15 NETWORKING LUNCH

14.00 **DISCUSSION PANEL: OVERCOMING
CHALLENGES TO RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION**

Chair: Áine Stapleton, Assistant Secretary, Social
Housing Delivery, Department of Housing, Local
Government and Heritage

- Caroline Timmons, Assistant Secretary, Housing
Affordability, Inclusion and Homelessness
Department of Housing, Local Government and
Heritage
- Niall Cussen, Chief Executive and Planning
Regulator, Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR)
- Enda McGuane, President, Society of Chartered
Surveyors of Ireland
- Ali Grehan, City Architect, Dublin City Council
- Declan Dunne, CEO, Respond

15.00 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

15.20 **DISCUSSION PANEL: DELIVERING A MORE
DEVELOPED, RESPONSIVE, AND APPROPRIATE
HOUSING SYSTEM**

Chair: Fidelma McManus, Partner and Head of
Housing, Beauchamps

- Senior representative, Department of Housing, Local
Government and Heritage
- John O'Connor, Chair, The Housing Commission
- Owen Reidy, General Secretary
Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)
- David Duffy, Director, Property Industry Ireland, Ibec
- Mary Conway, Chairperson, Irish Property Owners
Association
- Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

16.30 **CHAIR'S CONCLUDING REMARKS AND
CONFERENCE CLOSE**





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Who should attend?

The conference will attract stakeholders engaged in all aspects of housing policy, funding, delivery, and management, including senior managers in the public, private, and third sectors in Ireland.

- Professionals in housing policy and delivery
- Government departments and agencies
- Those providing social welfare advice
- Approved housing bodies
- Policy / public affairs advisors
- The construction industry
- Project funders
- Legal advisors
- Housing and planning consultants
- The community and 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 *Housing for All* 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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