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**ICSH Biennial National Social Housing Conference**

27th & 28th September 2017, Limerick Strand Hotel

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The theme for the 2017 Biennial National Social Housing Conference is 'Social Housing –The Next Phase. Scale | Innovation | New Housing Choices'. This reflects the need to drive forward the delivery of social housing to the scale and extent that will provide homes to a growing number of households in housing need. The conference is set in the context of the review of the Government's Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, Rebuilding Ireland after one year of implementation.

**Rebuilding Ireland was aimed at fixing a broken housing system through measures to boost private housing construction, increase the delivery of social housing, improve the private rental market, utilise existing vacant units and address the growing problem of homelessness. A year on there are persistent challenges facing people who need a home. Homelessness, affordability of housing and lack of security and choice are problems which are enduring if not deepening.**

Increasing the scale of delivery of social housing is clearly required. An investment programme of €5.35bn to deliver 47,000 units by 2021 has been earmarked for social housing. The Plan needs to ensure that this investment will translate into permanent homes for people in housing need whether they are families, single people or vulnerable groups such as the homeless, older people and people with disabilities.

Over recent years there have been a number of emerging initiatives and innovations that have been introduced to increase the scale of delivery. Bringing vacant housing stock back into use, innovative partnerships between local authorities and housing associations and greater use of private loan finance have provided additional tools to deliver solutions. However, there is still a challenge to reverse the dependency on the private market to increase the scale of new social housing delivery. The private market certainly has a role to play as choice is important, however experience has shown the private market is not a reliable source of housing for those on low incomes or with special needs.

The remit and range of Rebuilding Ireland demonstrates the commitment of Government to the housing problem. To deliver on the *next phase* of truly delivering scale and fixing this problem we need to increase our ambition for our housing system. The next phase will involve continued commitment from Government, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, local authorities, approved housing bodies, the HSE, Housing Agency, Housing Finance Agency and other financial institutions as well as the private sector. A housing system that provides choice to people, affordable housing solutions and support for those who need it should be the goal of this *next phase*.

As such the objective of this conference is to challenge our current policies and debate solutions to develop our thinking in critical areas of affordability, cost, scale and innovation. Speakers from Ireland and abroad will provide insight from their own experiences and delegates will have the opportunity to deliberate on possible solutions for the Irish housing system.

### **Delegates wishing to attend the conference will benefit from:**

- Networking with a broad range of colleagues and developing business relationships with key partners.
- Insightful presentations, case studies and sharing experience through plenary sessions and workshops.
- Understanding topical national and international policy, practice and learning.
- Learning from good practice demonstrated by exhibits from the Community Housing Awards as well as relevant suppliers and services for social housing providers.
- Participating in the debates and discussions at the wide range of sessions.
- Translating the learning from the Conference to your own organisation.

## **Who should attend**

The conference and exhibition will be of interest to staff and voluntary board members of housing associations and co-operatives (approved housing bodies/AHBs), local authority officials, elected members, government departments, HSE staff, private sector organisations, financial institutions, tenant bodies and those involved in research and consultancy or those wishing to pursue a career in the housing sector.

# Conference Programme

## Tuesday 26th September

7pm-9pm Conference Registration

## Wednesday 27th September

8.30am-9.30am Conference Registration

9.30am Welcome by ICSH President, **Justin O'Brien**

9.45am Ministerial Address, **Mr Eoghan Murphy TD**,  
Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

10am **Rebuilding Ireland – One Year On**

- Chair: **Mary Hurley**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- **Professor Alan Ahearne**, Professor of Economics and Director of the Whitaker Institute at the National University of Ireland, Galway
- **Jonas Högset**, Head of New Construction, SABO, Swedish Association of Public Housing Companies
- **John O'Connor**, Chief Executive, Housing Agency

11.15am Tea/Coffee break Sponsored by Centrus

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11.45am **Providing Outcomes for Vulnerable Households**

- Chair: **Sean Moynihan**, CEO, Alone
- **David Hall**, CEO, Irish Mortgage Holders Organisation & ICare Housing
- **Mike Allen**, Director of Advocacy, Focus Ireland

1pm Lunch

2pm-3.15pm **Innovation in Housing Solutions – Projects, Schemes & Infrastructure**

- Chair: **Donal McManus**, CEO, ICSH
- **Ilka Ruby**, Publisher and Curator on Architecture, Urbanism & Collective Housing, Berlin
- **Aidan O'Reilly**, Principal Officer & **Marguerite Ryan**, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government
- **Lar Burke**, Sales Manager – New Housing, Gas Networks Ireland

3.15pm Tea/Coffee break

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**Housing Options for People with Disabilities**

- Chair: **Martina Smith**, CEO, HAIL
- **Suzanne Moloney**, National Disability Specialist, HSE
- **Siobhán Long**, National Manager, Assistive Technology and SeatTech Services, Enable Ireland
- **Sarah Boland**, Assistive Technology Facilitator, Saint John of God Community Services & **Aine Walsh**, Saint John of God

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**Creating Outcomes in Housing Delivery**

- Chair: **Geoff Corcoran**, Head of New Business, Co-operative Housing Ireland
- **Seamus De Faoite**, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Directorate, Cork County Council
- **Pat Doyle**, CEO, Peter McVerry Trust
- **Sarah Neary**, Principal Adviser, Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government

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**Collaboration for Delivery**

- Chair: **Liam Conneally**, Director of Social Development, Clare County Council
- **Councillor Michael Donegan**, Limerick City & County Council
- **Tony Flynn**, Executive Manager, Housing & Community, Dublin City Council
- **Pat Fitzpatrick**, AHB Services, Housing Agency

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**Finance and Asset Management for Long Term Delivery**

- Chair: **Ray Fanning**, Company Treasurer, Respond! Housing Association
- **John O'Connor**, Director, Corporate Finance, PWC
- **Rory O'Moore**, Property Development Manager, Dublin Simon
- **Susanna Lyons**, Head of Regulation, AHB Regulation Office

5.15pm

End of day

7pm

Drinks Reception Sponsored by Campbell Tickell



8pm

Conference dinner



Presentation of ICSH/Allianz Community Housing Awards

**Thursday 28th September**

9.30am-11am

**Driving Affordability in Housing**

- Chair: **Earnán Ó Cléirigh**, Principal Officer, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- **Willem Adema**, Senior Economist, OECD
- **Eva Bauer**, (GBW) Economist, Austrian Federation of Limited Profit Housing Associations–Cost rental housing
- **Maílíosa Reynolds**, Architect

**Panel Response**

- **Rosalind Carroll**, Director, Residential Tenancies Board
- **Sean O'Connor**, Chief Executive, Túath Housing

11am

Tea/Coffee break

11.30am

**Strategic Approach to Regeneration & Delivery**

- Chair: **Carmel Kirby**, Acting Director, Social Development Directorate, Limerick City & County Council
- **James O'Halloran**, New Business and Development Manager, Cluid Housing
- **Gene Clayton**, Chief Executive, The Iveagh Trust

1pm

Close of Conference &amp; Lunch

# Conference Events

## Exhibition

The conference will feature an exhibition showcasing innovative products relevant to delegates and will be ongoing throughout the conference. Exhibitors this year include leading names in the fields of housing development and management, housing software, insurance, utilities, security and housing services.

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## Community Housing Awards

This is the eighth year of the ICSH Community Housing Awards which will be presented after the conference dinner. The awards will be made to social housing projects that reflect the high standards in design and best practice in housing management as well as having a positive impact on the lives of the tenants. The Awards are sponsored by Allianz Insurance.



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Pro forma invoices can be issued on request

Please photocopy booking form for additional delegates

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## Fee

The Conference fee per delegate is as follows:

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| ➤ ICSH Member Organisations  | €265 |
| ➤ Statutory/Private Organisations<br>(including local authorities and elected members) | €295 |
| ➤ Voluntary and Other Organisations  | €275 |

The conference fee includes documentation, lunches and conference dinner. Overnight accommodation or travel costs are not included.

## Special Offer

Book three places, get the third half price

## Delegate Rates

The Limerick Strand Hotel is offering a delegate rate of €105 B&B single occupancy and €125 B&B twin/double occupancy. Bookable via the hotel directly


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