

ICSH HOUSING FINANCE CONFERENCE

Thurs 9th & Fri 10th October 2014 (two half days)

Limerick Strand Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick City



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The ICSH Housing Finance Conference has firmly established itself as the leading finance focused event for housing practitioners. This year, once again, the ICSH will bring together a wide ranging panel of local and visiting speakers to share a wealth of experience with delegates.

Reduction in capital funding, exploration and use of private finance options, a new regulatory environment and the implementation of the Residential Tenancies Act are just some of the challenges currently facing social housing providers. Against this backdrop and the imminent publication of the Social Housing Strategy by Government, the ICSH Housing Finance Conference will provide a platform for policy and practice updates, expert analysis, case studies and operational insights. The conference will facilitate both large and small housing associations and provide opportunities for delegates to gain further learning in the areas of regulation including strategic business planning, treatment of reserves and sinking funds, financial viability, accounting practices in addition to the exploration of private finance options and housing supply opportunities.

The Conference will also look at new approaches to housing provision including mechanisms in which to unblock avenues for delivery to enable not for profit housing associations to realise their full potential as a cost effective delivery mechanism for social housing in partnership with local authorities.

Who should attend?

- Board members of housing associations and co-operatives;
- Housing association staff involved in finance;
- Local authority staff working with the not for profit housing sector;
- Local elected representatives;
- EU Managing Authorities;
- Others with an interest in housing finance and development;
- HSE officials including support providers;
- Government departments;
- Investors and financial bodies.

Seminar Delegate Fees

ICSH Members **€150**

Others **€170**

Fee includes all seminar material, refreshments and conference dinner.

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Venue

Limerick Strand Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick City. Tel: +353 61 421800
www.strandhotellimerick.ie. For overnight accommodation, please contact the hotel directly. The ICSH delegate rate will apply.

Conference Booking Policy: Conference fees must be paid upon receipt of invoice. Euro cheques only. Payments by interbank electronic transfer will be acknowledged when details have been received by post or email from the payee to catherine@icsh.ie

Conference sessions

New Regulation and Financial Landscape and Opportunities	There are continually emerging financial and regulatory challenges that the not for profit housing sector has to focus on in the delivery of new social housing and this session will set these in context. The session will also focus on the progress that has been made to date and look at the future direction of the financial landscape facing housing associations over the coming years.
Embracing financial regulation to enable delivery	To ensure future enhanced delivery and management by housing associations using new types of finance, appropriate financial regulation has been identified as a key enabler for the three tiers of approved housing bodies by all stakeholders including the sector itself, Government, and financial bodies. This session will focus on the ongoing work by housing associations looking at good practice operational models such as business planning and treatment of reserves in relation to financial regulation and examine the emerging challenges and future direction for the sector including account standardisation.
Securing funding options to meet needs of smaller housing associations - Delivery, management and supports	This Panel session will focus on the specific needs of smaller housing associations who often have interlinked demands in the development and management of their housing projects. This will be an interactive session with discussion focused around solutions and adaptations that housing associations are currently making in the provision of social housing. It also explores new financial models that may be suitable to take forward.
Funding considerations for the larger AHB	This Panel session is tailored towards larger housing associations, in particular those accessing private/loan finance. The session will focus on both existing options and potential new opportunities such as emerging financial markets and other investors. It will also examine requirements of financiers to provide for increased long-term finance for social housing.
New Strategy, Building Capacity and New Approaches	This plenary session will look ahead at a number of approaches linking the financing and delivery of new social housing including the use of the known Dutch guarantee system for financing social housing and the cost rental model currently being explored. The session will also examine the area of local authority regeneration and stock management and link with the sectors ongoing work towards involvement.
Launch of ICSH Report - Enabling the delivery of social housing by housing associations in Ireland	The final session will launch the ICSH commissioned report <i>"Enabling the delivery of social housing in Ireland"</i> which will set out the potential for a new enabling approach by housing associations towards effective social housing delivery. The report will propose a number of options and approaches that could be applied by all stakeholders involved within the social housing sector in meeting future social housing demand.

Conference Programme

Thursday 9th October 2014

1pm	Registration & Tea / Coffee
1.15pm	WELCOME ADDRESSES Ministerial Address, Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government Brian O’Gorman, ICSH President
1.30pm	NEW REGULATION AND FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE CHAIR Marianne Nicholson, Finance Director, Fold Ireland OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTION Donal McManus, Executive Director, ICSH Damian Allen, Principal Officer, Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government (DECLG) Ken Burke, Head of Business Banking, AIB
2.30 – 3.45pm	EMBRACING FINANCIAL REGULATION TO ENABLE DELIVERY CHAIR Paula Kenny, Housing Development Officer, ICSH Rosalind Carroll, Head of Regulation, Housing Agency Ray Fanning, Company Treasurer, Respond! Housing Association Cathal Callan, Finance Director, Clúid Housing Association Faye Gordon, Senior Manager, PWC
3.45 – 5.15pm	BREAK and PANEL SESSIONS
PANEL SESSION 1	SECURING FUNDING OPTIONS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SMALLER AHBS - DELIVERY, MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTS CHAIR Marina Keane, Secretary & Board Member, Kilkee Voluntary Housing Association, Co. Clare Jim Baneham, Senior Executive, Housing Agency Patrick McLaughlin, Senior Executive Officer, Donegal County Council Brendan McCarthy, Development Manager, Cork Mental Health Brendan Whelan, CEO, Social Finance Foundation
PANEL SESSION 2	FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE LARGER AHB CHAIR Michael Rafferty, Finance Director, Oaklee Housing Trust Barry O’Leary, CEO, Housing Finance Agency Henrietta Podd, Head of Debt Advice and Origination, Canaccord Genuity Kieran Kearney, European Investment Bank (EIB)
5.15 – 5.45pm	Q&A SESSION AND WORKSHOP FEEDBACK
7.30pm	CONFERENCE DINNER

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Friday 10th October 2014

9.30 am

NEW STRATEGY, BUILDING CAPACITY AND NEW APPROACHES

CHAIR Anne O'Meara, *Finance Manager, Circle Voluntary Housing Association*

Conn Murray, *CEO, Limerick City & County Council*

Rory O'Donnell, *Director, National Economic & Social Council*

Eric Terheggen, *Managing Director, Policy and Legal Affairs, Waarborgfonds Sociale Woningbouw (WSW)(Dutch Social Housing Guarantee Fund)*

Sean O'Connor, *CEO, Túath Housing Association*

11.15am

BREAK

11.30am

LAUNCH OF ICSH REPORT – ENABLING THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL HOUSING BY HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS IN IRELAND

CHAIR John Hannigan, *ICSH Finance Sub-Committee Chair*

Jim Lashmar, *Director, Altair Consultants Ltd*

Bairbre Nic Aongusa, *Assistant Secretary, Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government (DECLG)*

Felix McKenna, *Senior Divisional Asset Manager, NAMA*

Kathleen McKillion, *Director of Operations, ICSH*

12.45pm

Q&A SESSION

1.15pm

CLOSING ADDRESS

Gene Clayton, *ICSH Vice President; Chairperson of the CECODHAS Committee on Economic Governance, Finance and Internal Markets*

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