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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Dublin and Ireland for the 5th International Social Housing Festival (ISHF), an initiative led by Housing Europe. We are proud In Dublin to be able to organise this truly global event with over 2200 delegates from up to 40 countries spread over 5 continents attending over the next three days. This event demonstrates that the need for social and affordable housing is a global phenomenon.

We in Dublin are following in the strong tradition of previous ISHF events in Amsterdam, Lyon, Helsinki and Barcelona. Each of the previous hosts having their own particular focus and theme for their festival. For Dublin 2025 ISHF, our focus is on the theme of storytelling in the various 300 sessions and events, of which story telling is a strong tradition in Dublin and Ireland. The various social, cultural and artistic events planned at the Festival complement the various sessions and visits listed on the event agenda. So please book on line and attend where there is availability.

It is great to see such a diverse attendance in Dublin of the various stakeholders active and operating in the social and affordable housing sectors throughout the world. We thank everybody who made submissions, and who wished to present and attend here in Dublin. In addition to the Festival being a centre piece for mutual learning and exchange, it provides a strong platform for making connections, seeking more housing solutions as well as being inspired by the various contributors and innovations. We also strongly encourage for all delegates to visit the various exhibition stands throughout the Convention Centre.

Dublin ISHF 2025 has required a huge degree of collaboration between the partners since Dublin was designated as the next host back in Barcelona in 2023. This has included willing partners and sponsors, both in the public and private sector to make this happen. We sincerely thank all the key funding partners who have supported the Festival with resources to make this event possible. I have to acknowledge my team at the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) who led on organising the festival as well as significant support from the ICSH Council and Board in allocating resources.

We hope you all enjoy the event and gain some new learning and solutions where we all have the common goal of delivering social affordable housing for people in housing need throughout the world.

Donal McManus
CEO, Irish Council For Social Housing

HOST ORGANISATIONS

The Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH)

The Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) is the national representative federation for approved housing bodies (AHBs) in Ireland. The ICSH currently has 273 members providing housing and related services throughout the country, accommodating a diverse range of households. In 2023 the AHB sector delivered almost 6,000 homes. Our public housing stock stands at 61,500 social rented homes in ownership and management.



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Co-operative Housing Ireland (CHI)

Co-operative Housing Ireland (CHI) is an Approved Housing Body providing 5,500 high-quality homes to low-income households. As a representative body, CHI champions co-operative principles in delivering homes and supporting communities.

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Housing Europe

ISHF is an initiative of Housing Europe. Housing Europe is the European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing. Housing Europe is active in 31 countries, with 25 million dwellings, which represents 11% of the housing stock in the European Union.



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A young girl stands in a grassy field, looking directly at the camera with a somber expression. Behind her is a massive, sprawling pile of discarded sports equipment, including balls, bats, helmets, and various pieces of athletic gear, all piled high under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The scene serves as a powerful metaphor for the issue of children dropping out of sport.

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11:15 - 11:45	Rob Kitchin - Imagining an Ideal Set of Data for Evidence-Informed Storytelling About Social Housing	Stephen O'Shea, Cairn Homes - Passive Housing and Sustainable Construction	John O Connor - The Affordability Story	Joint session featuring Angela Bishop, Ali Hamlin-Paenga and Bernadette Pinnell - Innovative Indigenous leadership in Australia, Canada, and Aotearoa	Marta Casanova - Co-Designing Social Housing for Ageing Population: the New European Bauhaus Approach in Liguria	Joao Goncalves, Bent Madsen, Marie Linder, Matthew Baldwin, Silvia Urra Uriarte, Carlo Feretti, Riccardo Coletta, Dr. Paola Zerilli, Rossana Zaccaria, Marta Lekue, Graziella Roccella, Jaanika Saar, Sirli Pippa and Patricia Astorgano - More than Renovation: Neighbourhood Regeneration. The drop project final conference	Joint session featuring Dr Conor Cashman, Dr Siobhán O'Sullivan and Jenn Lopez - Housing Needs and Community-led Solutions in Rural Ireland and Colorado	Annemarieke Van Ettinger - Van Herk - Tell Our Stories. 365xfacetoface to reframe debate.	Helena Fallon - The Story of Age-Friendly Housing Developments in Wicklow	Stefan Simoncic and Jose Ospina - Is Slovenia really without private housing coop?	Anna Pagani - Learning systems mapping: revealing tensions and synergies between mental models in the social housing sector	Harvey Smith - A Cautionary Tale: The Dark Side of Housing in the Wild, Wild West of California	Lyke Veen - The Dutch Guarantee Fund for Social Housing, an overview of WSW	11:15 - 11:45			Matthew Charney - The Story of the New York City Housing Authority - Past and Next Chapter			Joint session featuring Kath Robinson Andre Van Wyk, Barry Raleigh, Breda O'Connor, Pauline Thompson, Les Warren, Casey Edwards, Gerry Cunningham, Tomás Tiernan, Stuart Walsh, and Dymphna Doran - Independent together: The role of voice, choice and community in housing for people with intellectual disabilities			Joint session featuring Joaquim Salles - Molenbeek On Watch: Film Screening	
11:45 - 12:15	John Coleman - A Partnership Approach: Affordable housing delivery in Ireland													11:45 - 12:15			Nina Quintas - Building empowered communities through community-led housing initiatives in Asia, Latin America and Africa	Joint session featuring John McLean, Pei En Li, Corne Koppelaar, Ruth Schloegl and Natalie Heger - Housing Stories: Social Value in Place, Policy, and Practice		Dublin Storyslam Delegate Workshop			Eduard Cabré Romans, Mr. Joan Ramon Riera, Mr. Sašo Rink and Solène Molard (Moderator) - The Role of Cities in Solving the Housing Crisis: Barcelona, Ljubljana, Vienna & EUROCITIES	
12:15 - 12:45	Ioannis Tsakiris, Frank Allen and Kathleen Cottier - EIB and HFA Funding Strategies																Enrique Bueso - Promotion and Management of Housing for the Elderly						Arianne van der Rijst - Neighbourhood visions as a strategic tool for an integrated approach to liveability	
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14:15 - 14:45	Adam Stoneman, Clearing a space: cultural access and participation for people experiencing homelessness	Méabh Savage - Learning about the importance of home from the collective	Conn Holohan - Immersive Empathy: Co-Creating Immersive Narratives on Home and Homelessness	Niamh Randall and Mick Byrne - Legacy Workshop: Cost Rental	Michelle Norris, Erwin Gielens, Sorcha Edwards, Emiliano Rocchetti and Freek Spinnewijn - EqualHouse: The Story of Housing Inequality and Solutions	The Dragon's Den: Which technologies to choose?	Joint session featuring Orsalia Papadimitriou and Anna Dobrova - Housing Approaches to Displacement: Stories from CO-HATY Presenters: José Ospina, Philipp Stern, Louise Heavin	Ronald Weerwag - Reviving Towns, Renewing Homes: Carlow's Approach to Sustainable Housing and Community Regeneration	Nicola Lawler - Additional housing delivery by Penthousing and Extension of housing associations properties in new town Zoetermeer	Oscar de los Reyes Marin - Affordable Housing Through Tokenization and DAOs	14:15 - 14:45	Breandán Ó Caoimh - Socially Engaged Arts and Community-Led Housing - insights from Gaeltacht Uladh Ráthaireach, County Kerry	Lyndsey Anderson and Grace O'Shea - Legacy Workshop: Oral History Toolkit Launch and Training	Matthias Moroder - Emancipatory Intentional Sameness. The Specific Formal Articulations of a Visibly Public Social Housing Architecture.	Gerry Cunningham - How Do We Make General Needs Housing More Suitable For Those With An Intellectual Disability	Jocelyne Fleming - Harnessing Scotland's Social Housing Expertise	Martina Smith - Secure Housing and Its Impact on Mental Health Recovery. A Conversation with HAIL								
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15:15 - 15:45	Joint session featuring Benedetta Marani, Eugenia Miraglia, Balázs Humayer and Bálint Misetics - Collaboration, Co-Creation and Public-Private Partnerships in Affordable Housing Delivery																								Declan Gaffney - Age Friendly Housing for an Aging Population
15:45 - 16:15																									Katja Roslevitch - Re-designing Social Housing Renovation through Visualisation: Insights from the Album of Inhabitation in Brussels
16:15 - 16:30																									Margaret Buckley - Pathways towards Stable Housing for Parents and Children Exiting Residential Services
16:30 - 16:45																									Guus Frenay - Shaping the Hood! Healthy aging due to community-led neighbourhood development
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08:00 - 09:30														08:00 - 09:30												Aoife Lawler - Funding of large-scale mixed tenure housing schemes using a Development Agreement (7am-9am)
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome - Gerry McDonogh, Chairperson at Co-operative Housing Ireland													09:15 - 09:30												
09:30 - 10:30	Keynote & Panel Discussion: Land and Finance													09:30 - 10:30												
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09:30 - 10:00	Natalia Martinez - Global Perspectives, Local Solutions: Social Housing Success Stories Across Borders			Joint session featuring Giulia Larizza and Ilaria Orfino - Energy efficiency Retrofitting in a Lived-in Environment: a Cross-Disciplinary Approach between Social and Technical issues	Joint session featuring Rob Lowth and Samara Jones - Housing First - the experience from Ireland and across Europe	Bent Madsen, Prof. Dr. Michelle Norris, Matthew Baldwin, Anaclaudia Rossbach, Noémi Huszka, MR KÖZÖSSÉGI LAKASALAP, Micallef Brian, Robijn Vanlijen, Geert De Pauw, Jouni Parkkonen, Sofia Hansdotter, Paul Sarais, José Nunes, and Gerlinde Gutheil-Knopp-Kirchwald - GUIDING EUROPE HOME: The policy compass for a New Housing Paradigm	Joint session featuring Roberta Massi, Chiara Monduzzi, Samuele Verucci, Filippo Lupo, Christian Lieberknecht and Paddy Gray OBE - Human Stories, Shared Futures: Co-Production and Storytelling in Social Housing	Clara Mafé Cortés and Rebecca Karbaum - Shared Mobility for Dummies	Joint session featuring Jeremy Auerbach, Georgi Banna and Valesca Lima - Social Housing - who is it for, where we are and where we're going.	Martijn Kniestedt - From Resistance to Acceptance: Navigating the bumpy road to community support for social housing	Henk Vischer, Queena Qian and Margherita Marinelli - Creating Connections: Strategies for Meaningful Resident Engagement	Luis Pereira - Integration and Support for New Tenants of Porto's Public Housing: Starting Off Right	Gyorgy Sumeghy - Vacant Buildings to Affordable Homes - A multi-stakeholder approach to address the housing crisis	Joint session featuring Maite Arondo, Alessia Macchi, Ali Grehan, Johanna Wiedermann, Robert Temel and Pierre Arnold - Collaborative Housing in Europe, success stories, experience exchange and guidance	Josep Maria Borrell Bru - Creating communities and changing mindsets	Michael Hayes - Care and Consideration: On the work of Gerry Cahill Architects	Enrique Bueso - Sharing Best Experiences and Professional Participation: Affordable Housing Investment Opportunities	Darinka Czischke, Gabriela Vieira, Anastazia Hujvan and Laura Parker-Tong - Collaborative Housing and Decarbonisation: Material and Behavioural Perspectives	Joint session featuring Efe Hasim Sezen and Aline Oliveira De Lucia Santos - From Policy to Impact: Institutional Pathways and Social Housing Challenges in Turkey and Brazil	Gwen Perry - Access to Home Ownership Through the State	Maria Santi - Architectural design culture for Social Housing: 20 years of housing through Baffa Rivolta European Award					
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11:00 - 11:30	Amy Redmond - Home	Francesca D'amicò - Valore e Identità dell'Abitare	Rachel Macrorie - Factory Homes: Can Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) Help Address the Affordable Housing Crisis?	Joint session featuring Jean Coleman, Eimear Cody, John O'Sullivan, Rod Bond and Ciara Whelan - Building Blocks for Inclusive Communities: Housing, Health and Rights	David Adamson - Addressing the Global Housing Crisis: Changing the narrative	Giulia Angeletti - The evolution of FABER platform - Data matching for Social Housing policies in Emilia-Romagna Region	Olga Feio - New forms of Affordable Housing adapted to climate change in the city of Porto	Prudence Adjanohoun - Housing our future: successful social and professional integration through social housing	Giorgia Di Cintio - Building Impact Stories: Stories of Life Changing Homes	Rossana Zaccaria - How to promote and develop the housing cooperative model with the younger generation?	Adrian Balaci - Energy Efficiency Retrofit in the European Social Housing Stock and the Split Incentive Paradox	Margherita Marinelli - Affordable Housing Initiative Advisory Event	11:00 - 11:30	Brenda Clement - Sharing stories from America - how Rhode Island is addressing housing locally	Keti Tskitishvili, Juliet Can - Justice through a Commons-Based Approach to Land: Past, Present, and Future of Community Land Trusts	Barbora Raková - Making the most out of Responsible Housing Finance Summit	Alison Gilliland - Ensuring Sustainability and Affordability: Challenges and Opportunities for the European Affordable Housing Plan	Joint session featuring Daniel Millor Vela, Jo McCafferty, JDinah Bornat and Luisa Santos - Cultivating Communities: A People-First Approach to Urban Living	Yuly Chan - Rent regulation in comparative and historical perspective	Irene Escorihuela and Marta Ribera Carbó - Advancing policies against speculation in public services for vulnerable users	Eleonora Perobelli - Defining and measuring the value co-created in public services for vulnerable users	Jordi Tarres - Housing Solutions: From Informal Occupation to Social Rent				
11:30 - 12:00	Amadeus Harte - The High Stakes of Housing Policy: Self, Agency, and Storytelling from Dublin Homeless Shelters	Steve Loveland - Clúid - Through the Keyhole, Housing Stories Unlocked				João Sousa - New forms of Net-zero (+20) Social Housing in the city of Porto	David Bravo and David Juárez Latimer-Kowles - WikiHousing Barcelona: A Faster, Greener, and more Inclusive Way to Provide Affordable Housing	Sigrid Peters - Jubilares Association. Care communities, senior collaborative housing for life.			Clara Mafé, Janika Aalto, Torben Esbensen, Torben Leth - Spreading Climate Positive Circular Communities around Europe	11:30 - 12:00	Peter Kämmerling - International Commons - Commoning Spaces Network										David Lucacconi - Acquisition Strategies in the fight against the social housing crisis in Brussels			
12:00 - 12:45						Mary-Rose Walker - Navigating Policy Challenges: Housing Solutions for Domestic Violence Survivors						12:00 - 12:45										Mitra Hedman - The Story of Ocean Plastics - From Saving the Planet to Sheltering the Homeless	Raluca Cosmina Budian - Sub-letting and Trapped: On the Lived Experience of Women Sharing Accomodations			

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14:15 - 14:45	Anne Koning - How to make affordable housing available for home seekers in the province of South-Holland?	Amy Redmond - Storytelling Drama Workshop	Joint session featuring Rubin Danberg Biggs, Raymond Fang, Liz Jacob, Laura Collini, Meric Ozgunes, Dimitra Sifatis, Penny Seferiadou, Adria Garcia i Mateu and Stella Daouti - Forging alternative housing futures in adverse environments	Robin Hulsman - Draw your ideas to life: workshop business drawing	Kirsten David - Shared Stories of Modernisation - Bridging Landlord and Tenant Perspectives	Joint session featuring Elsa Marques, Micheál Cormican, Frank Meehan, Vattani Saray-Delabar, Antonio Talarico, Riccardo De Angeli, Karen Golden, Oliver McGrath and Karen Feeney - Solutions by Design for an Ageing Population	Joint session featuring Jade Murphy, Samara Jones, David Bradford, Sara Lannin, Jenny Hoolahan, Fiona Long and Amanda Oliver - Tackling and preventing youth homelessness with housing and support-lessons from Ireland, Wales and Europe	Joint session featuring Jeff Hill and Vibek Borch Henning - The Housing Equation: The Search for Sustainable and Affordable Living within The Netherlands and the Nordic Countries	Joint session featuring Padraig Kenna & Peter Dorman - The right to housing - is it real - does it work?	Agnes Crawford - There is no hearth like your own hearth - Fireside stories and Women in Social Housing	Joint session featuring Henk Bouwman, José Manuel Ferreira (moderator), André Moschke, Ann-Kristin Entson, Elisa Ranta, Tomi Henriksson and Michiel Boesveld - Affordability Stories: New Perspectives on the Role of Land in Social and Affordable Housing Development	Joint session featuring Pascale Thys - How community-led housing can offer the younger generation affordable housing in rural areas?	Enrique Bueso - Models Of Housing Finance Creating Of Public Housing Stock With The Participation Of Public Providers	Ian Hutchcroft, Sébastien Delport and Julien Holgard - The story of how a market-driven initiative achieving net-zero energy retrofits at scale became great.	Jonathan Imme - How Could a Pan-European Cooperative Model Bring More Affordability, Flexibility and Community-friendly Building Stock Transformation	Judith Lehner - Stories from Vienna: Lessons on Urban Renewal, Inclusive Housing Solutions and Climate-friendly Building Stock Transformation	Mike Allen & Jan Mingle - Using social housing to tackle homelessness - are there lessons from Focus Ireland's 40 year story?	Barbora Raková and Vojtech Kubat - How to Finance the Launch of Housing Companies in Central and Eastern Europe.	Joint session featuring Rachel Hornsby, Tom Alves and Kristell Leduc - Housing policy in practice: lessons from Australia and Luxembourg	Conor Cooney - Design Philosophy Framework for Homes as Places to Heal for those exiting homelessness	Ben Patey - Pride Rock to Purpose: A storytelling formula	Abigail Lewis - We help each other: How care ethics support tenancy sustainment in social housing	Paramvir Singh - Reclaiming Space: Transforming Neglected Urban Areas through Community-Driven Design and Social Impact	Andrew Daly - Re-classification of AHB Sector Seminar	Dan Bowers - A Psychological Approach to Technology Acceptance in Social Housing: A Story of Collaboration	Diarmuid O'Connell and Alison O'Rourke - Rightsizing Scheme in Partnership with Tuath Housing Agency
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PROGRAMME - FRIDAY 6 JUNE

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Local Authority Homes

Energia has proudly supported the retrofit of over 600 Local Authority homes since 2022 and is continuously looking for opportunities to forge new partnerships in this space.

Energia & EEOS

As an Energy supplier, Energia deliver energy savings measures across the country as part of our commitment to the Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme (EEOS). Our team helps find, support and manage projects in the residential sector to make homes more energy efficient. This is significant work, as the residential sector accounts for roughly 25% of the energy used in Ireland as well as being responsible for 20% of energy related CO₂ emissions. As a part of this, we are also dedicated to helping with the issue of Energy Poverty, by providing services, financing and expertise to Local Authorities engaged in the retrofit of their housing stock.

Our work with County Councils

People living in Local Authority housing often have the least energy efficient homes, meaning high energy bills for those in the worst position to be able to afford them. Energia work with County Councils to help combat these issues and we have worked with 5 different Local Authorities over the last 3 years.



We can provide professional services to help ease the burden and smooth the complexities involved in these types of projects, whilst also strictly maintaining the quality of the retrofits taking place. Post-retrofit, the comfort levels of retrofitted homes has increased considerably, creating a cosier environment as well as a single, reduced energy bill.

We can provide a tailor-made package of services to support your Local Authority and its specific needs for any forthcoming projects, as well as financing options in the form of a rate per kWh saved. Homes will receive comprehensive retrofits, taking them from a BER of D2 or worse to B2 or better. In prior projects this was done by installing measures such as insulation, ventilation, heat pumps as well as upgraded windows and doors.

If your Council or Approved Housing Body is considering a retrofit project with Energia, find out more here ►



SITE VISITS - WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE

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14:00 - 17:00	Dublin Simon	Social Housing Delivery Opportunity in Tight Inner City Location
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14:00 - 17:00	Creative Places	Triangle Atop Square
14:00 - 17:00	Tuath	De Verdon Place
14:00 - 17:00	Respond	Respond Delivers Large Scale Mixed Tenure Housing Developments
14:00 - 17:00	DCC w/ Levitt Bernstein	Crafting Unique Places: Making Standard Designs Special
14:00 - 17:00	Máire Devine	Adolescence Presence in Age Friendly Cities
14:00 - 17:00	SME	St Micheals Estate - Regeneration
14:00 - 17:00	SDCC	Kilcarberry Grange, Clondalkin
14:00 - 17:00	SDCC	Innovation Sq, Tallaght
14:00 - 17:00	RTB	Evolution of Rent Levels
14:00 - 17:00	Clúid	Bolands Mills, Dublin 4
14:00 - 17:00	Focus Ireland	40 Years of Progress: Focus Ireland's Journey in Housing and Homelessness
17:00	Fingal CC	Visits to Fingal Castles

SITE VISITS - THURSDAY 5 JUNE

Time	Organisation	Title
14:00 - 16:00	Cora Petrie	Housing goes Full Circle
14:00 - 17:00	Cairn Homes	Seven Mills
14:00 - 17:00	Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance CLG	Why it is both Possible and Beneficial to develop Community Led, Affordable Housing Communities
14:00 - 17:00	Respond	Parkside; Creating Sustainable Mixed Tenure Communities
14:00 - 17:00	Respond	Elonora Court
14:00 - 17:00	Clúid	Parkside, Ballgriffin, Dublin 13
14:00 - 17:00	Fold & Housing Europe & Reddy Architects	New Dolphin Park, Design Principles for the Creation of 'Healthy Homes' and Social Inclusion for the Ageing Population
14:00 - 17:00	LDA w/Digital Hub	Pear Tree: Digital Hub Dublin 8
14:00 - 17:00	Circle Housing	Richmond Place
14:00 - 17:00	Clúid	The Weir, Tallaght
14:00 - 17:00	Housing Europe	Ringsend - Shared Mobility
14:00 - 17:00	DCC	O Devaney Gardens
14:00 - 17:00	DCC	Dominic Hall
14:00 - 17:00	DCC w/ Levitt Bernstein	Crafting Unique Places: Making Standard Designs Special
14:00 - 17:00	DLR	Energy Retrofit of Older Person's Accommodation in Glasthule
17:00	Henrietta Street	The History of Dublin Housing: 'Slums' and Solutions

SITE VISITS - WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE

BOLAND'S MILLS - HOUSING FOR KEY WORKERS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.15

This tour will tell the story of Boland's Mill, focusing on how this historic location has been revitalised into a modern campus providing both a home to one of the world's largest tech companies and also local key workers. Clúid will unfold the story of the successful partnership with Google to provide housing, highlight the human experience of the new residents, and explore how innovative solutions to address Ireland's housing challenge can be found.

MORE INFORMATION:



Meeting Point: Outside the Grain Store, Boland's Mill Barrow Street.

Address / Eircode: D04V6H0

Getting There: Walking Distance

Travel time from CCD: 15 minutes

TRIANGLE ATOP SQUARE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.00

Get creative while learning about the only social-housing experiment of its kind in Ireland. Participants will be taken on a creative, interactive walking history tour, led by local people and the Dublin North Central historian, Katie Blackwood. Participants will meet at the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre for the start of the tour, and return there to create responsive art led by a local artist. This event is suitable for all ages.

MORE INFORMATION:



Meeting Point: Darndale Belcamp Village Centre, The Link Rd, Darndale Village, Darndale

Address / Eircode: D17 E027

Getting There: Public Transport

Travel time from CCD: 50 minutes

SOCIAL HOUSING DELIVERY OPPORTUNITY IN TIGHT INNER CITY LOCATION

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.30

The development is located in a tight urban infill site. Located at the end of a lane serving commercial premises and surrounded by a large student residence on one side and residential apartments on two other sides. The development is presented as a good example of the opportunities available in the inner city which can deliver high quality social housing solutions. The challenges of delivery and construction v the benefits will form part of the tour discussion.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Meeting Point on site. The Sorrento Chip Shop will be a recognisable landmark at the top of the lane. We will be there and clearly visible with Dublin Simon Community branding to meet delegates.

Address / Eircode: D07FY9N

Getting There: Public Transport

Travel time from CCD: 30 minutes

SHANGANAGH CASTLE ESTATE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 15.30

Shanganagh Castle Estate, Shankill, Dublin 18 is a landmark affordable housing development delivered by The Land Development Agency in partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and contractors Walls Construction.

This site was originally purchased by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLR) for the development of housing and a Local Area Plan was developed by DLR to support the strategic development of the Shanganagh/Woodbrook area. A concept design was advanced by DLR Architects, followed by a partnership with the LDA.

The first phase of 51 Affordable Purchase houses, 195 cost rental apartments and 35 social apartments was delivered in 2024, with the remaining 316 homes to be made available in 2025.

The development, which is the LDA's first direct delivery project on State land, is the largest public housing project in decades and was delivered on time and on budget.

The 546 apartments are all designed and built to Passive House standard, making Shanganagh Castle Estate the largest passive house development in Europe.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Shanganagh Castle Estate entrance.

Address / Eircode: D18 EC8P

Getting There: Public Transport

Travel time from CCD: 1 hour



RESPOND DELIVERS LARGE SCALE MIXED TENURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.00

Site visits to two large scale mixed tenure schemes being delivered by Respond in collaboration with Housebuilders - Cairn Homes and Bluemont. The schemes are being delivered for social and cost rental homes and funded by Department of Housing, Housing Agency and The Housing Finance Agency. The first scheme comprises of 422 homes and communal facilities at Hole in the Wall Road and utilises modern methods of construction. The second scheme consists of 590 homes and communal facilities; this scheme being delivered through Cairn Homes is currently the largest passive house scheme under construction in Europe. Both schemes are being delivered

by Respond under its bespoke site acquisition and development agreement, which facilitates construction. Both schemes are part of the large scale schemes being delivered by Respond and as part of the activation of dormant large-scale apartment planning permissions. Respond has worked closely with the Department of Housing and The Housing Finance Agency to assess and improve viability of apartment building and in specific delivery of cost rental homes.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin.

Address / Eircode: D11 HKF4 (Pipers Square, Charlestown, Dublin 11)

Getting There: Private transfer

Travel time from CCD: 30 minutes

SOPHIA HOUSING, SEAN MCDERMOTT STREET

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.20

Sophia Sean McDermott Street is a long term supported housing project specifically for couples. All couples living in the service have addiction and mental health support needs. Each couple have their own individual apartment but there are staff on site 24/7 to ensure the safety of the residents and the building



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: On site in the Sophia service, 62 Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1

Address / Eircode: D01AH97

Getting There: Walking Distance

Travel time from CCD: 20 minutes

THE BOND

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.20

Oliver Bond House is the oldest social housing development in the country, built in the 1930s. It is presently undergoing a painstakingly slow regeneration process. Community of 404 units, over 12,000 residents, in the heart of the Liberties on the premier tourist trail in the country. It is a lesson in deliberate neglect, non-investment, and alienation of the working class. It has been devastated by drugs and young community members are ignored.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Travel to site and meet at Bridgefoot Street Park across from Oliver Bond House, then walk in together

Address / Eircode: D08 A89W

Travel time from CCD: 20 mins

COST RENTAL APARTMENTS, TALLAGHT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.45

Design Innovation: Through innovative design & the use of modern methods of construction (MMC) SDCC has delivered a contemporary development of 133 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments in two podium blocks along with interconnecting three-bedroom homes. The scheme was delivered availing of a precast 2D MMC system which streamlined the programme and on site operations.

Tenure: Addressing national and local housing goals, the project enhances rental tenure security, moderates market pricing, and is driving town centre regeneration. The project forms part of an ambitious regeneration masterplan for the Tallaght Town Centre and its extension into existing brown field industrial lands- that have the potential for 11,000 new homes and 15,000 jobs.

Sustainability: The new homes are connected to the innovative South Dublin District Heating Scheme; Heatwork's which utilises waste heat from a nearby data centre to provide low-carbon space and water heating. This project also advances a Vienna-style public housing model, ensuring well-maintained public housing assets that will yield significant ongoing social benefit



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Belgard Square North, Dublin 24

Address / Eircode: D24 A3XC

Getting There: Public Transport

Travel time from CCD: 45 minutes

DAISYHOUSE - ADDICTION RECOVERY HOUSING SITE VISIT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.35

Daisyhouse would be honored to welcome delegates from the International Social Housing Festival, offering them a firsthand look at our transformative work in providing long-term supported housing for women experiencing homelessness. This visit will showcase our person-centered approach, emphasising empowerment, independence, and sustainable housing solutions.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Daisy House

Address / Eircode: D08T1W2

Getting There: Public Transport - Red Line 292

Travel time from CCD: 35 minutes

ELLIS COURT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.30

The event comprises a talk and site visit of Ellis Court, a historic, listed building which stretches back to 1880 and

is Dublin City Council's first public housing development. In 2005, fire gutted the building and left it vacant for twenty years in an area of high housing need. An ambitious refurbishment campaign led to Ellis Court reopening in 2022, marking a milestone for the city. It combines the goal of providing much needed homes, with the need to reduce urban dereliction, while also adopting sustainable building approaches to preserve its unique architectural features as well as the rich history & heritage of this part of the city.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Ellis Court, Benburb Street, Dublin 7

Getting There: Public Transport or Walking: Delegates can take the red line Luas from the CCD to the Museum stop and then walk a short distance to the venue. The site can also be reached from the CCD on foot

Travel time from CCD: 45 minutes

A COMMUNITY STRUGGLE AND THE STORY OF REGENERATION AT ST. MICHEAL'S

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.45

This 2.5 hour site visit will take delegates to the south inner city of Dublin to visit the site of St. Micheal's Estate in Inchicore. St. Michael's Regeneration team was set up in 2001 to support, advocate, and work with residents during the complexity of regeneration. It comprises of local residents, workers from key local projects, community workers and an academic from TU Dublin. Some of the team have been working in and committed to this area and its regeneration from the start and as a result have amassed a huge amount of experience and knowledge. Delegates on this site visit will hear that story.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: St.Micheal's Family Resource Centre CDP. Flat 64, Tyrone Place Flats, St.Vincents Street West, DUBLIN 8

Address / Eircode: D08 YN12

Getting There: Public Transport

Travel time from CCD: 45 minutes

THE EVOLUTION OF RENT LEVELS AND RENT REGULATION IN IRELAND SINCE 2007

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14.45

RTB has the most authoritative data on the rental sector in Ireland and will give an overview of the evolution of rent regulation and the organisation since 2007. Office located in the heart of Dublin City close to the conference venue with easy access to the city.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Meet at the RTB office

Address / Eircode: D02 RR99

Getting There: Walking Distance

40 YEARS OF PROGRESS: FOCUS IRELAND'S JOURNEY IN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 17.30

The group will meet at Stanhope Green and learn about the history of the site, various the projects that run from there now and the organisation's approach to delivering supported housing. The group will then walk to a second Focus development at Georges Hill in Dublin 7 which was also originally a convent but also operated as a secondary school for many years. From there the group will walk back to the Focus Head Office in High Street Dublin 8 for refreshments, pausing at our John's Lane West development of 31 A rated homes that was completed in 2019. Focus Ireland was established in 1985 with a distinct and pioneering vision. Its first service, the 'Coffee Shop', combined access to affordable, nutritious meals with advice, information, and engagement with case workers. Unlike many organisations formed in response to homelessness at the time, Focus Ireland did not prioritise the development of emergency shelters. Instead, it very early on set a course towards providing long-term housing solutions, coupled with the necessary supports.

A significant milestone on this journey was the conversion of a former convent at Stanhope Green into more than 70 homes. Initiated in 1986, the project welcomed its first tenants in 1991. Notably, this was one of the first initiatives to provide permanent homes for disadvantaged individuals under the newly introduced Capital Acquisition Scheme (CAS), a state funding mechanism. The Stanhope Green project also presented a number of architectural challenges, which are of considerable interest. Particularly noteworthy is the evolution of the service from a broadly institutional model—with communal food provision—towards a model that supports independent living.

Today, Focus Housing has grown to become one of Ireland's largest Approved Housing Bodies, providing over 1,700 homes for people who have experienced homelessness, many of whom continue to require varying levels of support.

During this site visit, the presentation will explore Focus Ireland and Focus Housing's innovation and delivery across several key dimensions:

- Innovative approaches to delivering social housing, including the conversion of former convents, 'pepper-pot' acquisitions of individual units, medium-scale construction projects, and the introduction of the Meascán Model promoting intentional social mix;
- The critical role of housing support, spanning from supported housing to the Housing First approach;
- The formal legal relationship between Focus Housing Association and Focus Ireland, outlining the distinction and collaboration between the housing and support functions;
- Developments in funding models over time, reflecting how the organisation has adapted to changes in state support and financial structures;
- The contribution of the Focus Ireland model towards the broader aim of ending homelessness in Ireland.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Stanhope Green, Dublin 7.

Address / Eircode: D07 THH3

Getting There: Public Transport

Travel time from CCD: 30 minutes

MAKING STANDARD DESIGNS SPECIAL: FOUR SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS DELIVERED THROUGH OFFSITE CONSTRUCTION METHODS (MMC)

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MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: 13-1 Bonham St, The Liberties

Address / Eircode: D08 N9RK

Getting There: Public Transport

DE VERDON PLACE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN MIXED TENURE HOUSING

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 14:00

De Verdon Place on the Malahide Road is a mixed-tenure scheme that is home to over 500 people. Delivered in the summer of 2024 by Tuath Housing with Dublin City Council and GEM Construction, represents the first delivery of Cost Rental housing in Dublin City and is one of the country's largest social housing developments to date. This site visit will take delegates through its construction and development process and explore the tenant engagement initiatives being employed to develop community in the scheme. Delegates will also visit one of sev

1 and enjoy a musical performance from local Tuath residents.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Meet at The CCD

Address / Eircode: D17 H281

Getting There: Pick up from The Foyer, CCD for a private transfer.

MALAHIDE AND SWORDS CASTLES

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH | START TIME: 17.00

This short visit offers a captivating journey through Ireland's medieval heritage, combining the elegance of Malahide Castle with the historical intrigue of Swords Castle. Located just a short distance from Dublin, these two sites provide a rich cultural experience in a compact, accessible itinerary.

MORE INFORMATION:

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council



Meeting Point: Meet at The CCD

Address / Eircode: D01 T1W6

Getting There: Bus collection from outside the The CCD



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EXPLORE SEVEN MILLS: A NEW MODEL FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.25

Discover Seven Mills, the largest residential development of its kind in Europe. This guided tour offers conference delegates a unique opportunity to explore a pioneering new town featuring a balanced mix of social, affordable, and private homes. See first-hand how innovative design, sustainable construction, and community-focused planning come together to shape inclusive, future-ready neighbourhoods. Don't miss this chance to experience a blueprint for delivering mixed tenure communities at scale.

MORE INFORMATION:



Meeting Point: The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Address / Eircode: D22 E4P8

Getting There:

Travel time from CCD: 30 mins

PARKSIDE, BALGRIFFIN - MIXED TENURE WORKSHOP

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 15.00

The visit will focus on the provision of large scale mixed tenure developments and the associated communal space requirements. The main presentation will be held in the new communal space.

MORE INFORMATION:



Meeting Point: Parkside, Balgriffin, Dublin 13

Address / Eircode: D13 W6RW

Getting There: Public transport

Travel time from CCD: 1 hour

THE WEIR, TALLAGHT

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 15.10

This visit is of a recently completed age friendly scheme. The visit will show a vacant apartment and the communal spaces.

MORE INFORMATION:



Meeting Point: The Weir, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24

Address / Eircode: D24 PHK4

Getting There: Public transport

Travel time from CCD: 1 hour 10 mins

DOMINICK HALL

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.15

A chance to visit a new DCC fully tenanted new build. This award winning development in the heart of the city is well worth a visit.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Address / Eircode: Dominick Hall, Dominick Street Lower, Dublin 1

Getting There: Private Transfer, The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Travel time from CCD: 25 mins

ENERGY RETROFITTING OF OLDER PERSON'S ACCOMMODATION

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.45

At this event, we will visit two designated older person's social housing developments that have undergone complete energy retrofits. One development has a district heating system with 8 heat pumps heating all 58 apartments. The second development is over 100 years old. Here, retrofit measures have been tailored to preserve the architectural features of the buildings.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire.

Address / Eircode: Site visit is to two estates in Glasthule, properties in the two estates are: A96 TW74 and A96 X8N7

Getting There: Public transport

Travel time from CCD: 45 mins

MONTPELLIER DEVELOPMENT SITE VISIT

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.00

A chance to visit a new development. This is still at the building stage but is a chance to see the state of the art development.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Address / Eircode: Montpellier Avenue (off North Circular Road) Dublin 7

Getting There: Private Transfer, The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Travel time from CCD: 40 mins

NEW DOLPHIN PARK, DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR THE CREATION OF 'HEALTHY HOMES' FOR THE AGEING POPULATION

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.00

The construction of New Dolphin Park is part of the wider regeneration project of the social housing estate Dolphin Barn in Rialto, Dublin. This residential complex has been purposefully designed to accommodate elderly residents from the local area.

During the study visit, delegates will be able to speak with tenants and tour their apartments, which are specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals with mobility limitations while supporting independent living within a community setting.

Presentations at the end of the study visit will focus on the design principles adopted to ensure a safe and accessible environment for residents. Presenters will also share insights into the co-creation process that gave prospective tenants a voice in shaping their future homes, as well as the sustainability measures implemented to minimise environmental impact.

Please note: Some food and refreshments will be served at the beginning of the study visit.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Café No44, New Dolphin Park, Rialto, Dublin 8

Address / Eircode: D08 V57K

Getting There: Public transport

Travel time from CCD: 1 hour

O CUALANN COHOUSING ALLIANCE: WHY IT IS BOTH POSSIBLE AND BENEFICIAL TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY LED, AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.00

Visit the award winning, first affordable housing scheme in Dublin since 2008. Meet residents and join in the story-telling workshop on Affordable Housing and how and why it is both possible and beneficial to provide community led, affordable housing communities in Dublin.

A private coach has been arranged which will collect the attendees from the CCD. The coach will return the attendees to the CCD after the site visit.

MORE INFORMATION:



Meeting Point: The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Address / Eircode: D11 EDW2 and D11 E7WR

Getting There: Private Coach

Travel time from CCD: 30 mins

PEAR TREE CROSSING - AFFORDABLE LED HOUSING REGENERATION

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.25

A presentation and discussion will take place to examine how the LDA Masterplan (Pear Tree Crossing) will contribute to the social and economic development of the area and to transform the currently under-utilised sites into a new, sustainable urban community with a distinctive identity, in a plan led way.

We will then tour the Digital Hub campus and surrounding area, highlighting the unique character and culture of the historic Liberties area. The tour will focus not only on the range of diverse of buildings and structures, which will be adapted and incorporated into the new development, but also highlight the industrial and cultural importance of the area.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: id8 Studio at the Gateodge at Digital Hub, Roe Lane, The Liberties, Dublin 8

Address / Eircode: D08 EY05

Getting There: Walking Distance

Travel time from CCD: 25 mins

HOUSING GOES FULL CIRCLE - A TALE OF SUCCESS IN IRISH COLLABORATION

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.00

This is a symposium to tell the story about how the AHB and Credit Union sector have collaborated to provide social housing in Ireland using the CU AHB Fund. The event will tell the story of how the funding of social housing is in line with the Credit Union ethos and how two community focussed sectors have worked together to provide social housing with funding raised from the local community. To date, 26 Credit Unions have provided funding for social housing and 146 homes have been built in four local authorities. The case study of a development by Circle and Dublin City Council will also be referred to as a real life case study.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay Venue, Fishamble Street, Dublin 8. This is based in Dublin City Council's Civic Offices.

Address / Eircode: D08 RF3F

Travel time from CCD: 30 mins

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.00

The award winning Elanora Court Development is a story of transformation in Irish social housing - demonstrating how innovation in design, allocation, and tenant engagement can create thriving urban communities.

This session will tell that story through a site visit, first-hand accounts, and a workshop. Attendees will explore

how Respond reimagined housing management to prioritise tenant leadership, shared spaces, and strong local connections.

The heart of this story lies with the tenants themselves - how they have shaped Elanora Court into a pro-social award community.

Elanora Court fosters connection, inclusion, and long-term stability, this session aligns seamlessly with the festival's storytelling theme, inspiring new approaches to sustainable urban housing.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Address / Eircode: Elanora Court, Long Mile Road, Dublin 12, D12 EPK2

Getting There: Private Transfer, The Foyer, Convention Centre Dublin

Travel time from CCD: 45 mins

BRINGING SHARED MOBILITY AND SOCIAL HOUSING TO FITZWILLIAM QUAY

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14:00

An adaptive reuse project involving the conversion of a former office building into 15 social housing apartments has been planned in Fitzwilliam Quay including an innovative mobility concept:

- The existing car park will be de-paved and a shared garden created with provision of secure storage for bikes, e-bikes etc.
- A car sharing facility
- The area was identified as a decarbonisation zone and there are excellent transport connections, including a greenway that will run in front of the development along the River Dodder.
- There is a public bike share facility within 200 metres of the development.

Works to convert the building to apartments will commence in early 2026.

*Transport to the site visit will be done by bike - Dublin City Council provides city bikes to participants to cycle in groups from Convention Centre Dublin to Fitzwilliam Quay.

*Cycling skills are recommended to travel to the site by bike. However, an additional group will be created if needed to accommodate those who cannot cycle.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Convention Centre Dublin (CCD)

Address / Eircode: Fitzwilliam Quay (Ringsend, Dublin 4)

Getting There: Cycling

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MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: Weaver Place

Address / Eircode: D08 K5RH

Getting There: Public Transport

RICHMOND PLACE HOUSING WITH SUPPORTS

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 14.30

Richmond Place, Housing with Supports is a new innovative model of housing for older persons and recently won the ICSH Social Impact Challenge 2024. Our submission centred on the concept of the model and the potential benefits for older people and the health system if it could be replicated at state level. For this workshop, we would like to focus in more detail on the project itself by conducting a tour of the building followed by a workshop with representatives of Circle, Dublin City Council, the Health Service Executive, Alone and the project architects, OBFA. The site visit will offer an opportunity to demonstrate how this innovative model supports independent living for ageing in place by offering an alternative for older people seeking safety, security and autonomy within their own community. The workshop will focus on the following key themes:

1. The unique relationship developed by housing and support services to deliver this model.
2. The relationships, challenges, and policies that enabled the HSE and support service Alone to deliver this unique support model.
3. The story of the design, from conception to delivery including challenges and lessons learnt.
4. Tenants' experiences of living in this development.



MORE INFORMATION:

Meeting Point: At reception on site

Address / Eircode: D08 H6RH

Getting There: Public Transport

THE HISTORY OF DUBLIN HOUSING: 'SLUMS' AND SOLUTIONS

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH | START TIME: 17.25

Donal Fallon (Social Historian to 14 Henrietta Street and author of 14 Henrietta Street: From Tenements to Suburbia) explores the changing landscape of housing in Dublin on this walking tour of the city. This tour demonstrates the origins of Dublin's historic housing problems, before looking at successful interventions like the public housing schemes of City.

Architect Herbert George Simms in the 1930s city, and some of Dublin City Council's most recent housing schemes in the Dublin 7 area.

Exploring the intersections of the housing question with political change in the Irish capital, this tour spotlights successful interventions in the city through generations.

MORE INFORMATION:



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Meeting Point: Meet outside 14 Henrietta Street Museum

Address / Eircode: D01 HH34

Getting There: Public Transport

Travel time from CCD: 25 mins

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INDUSTRY SESSIONS



INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE HOUSING SECTOR

WEDNESDAY 4TH: 1.00PM - 1.20PM

'Insurance Considerations for the Housing Sector' explores the critical role of insurance in safeguarding assets and managing risks within the housing market. This discussion covers key areas such as risk assessment and adapting to regulatory changes including provision of housing whilst adopting sustainable building solutions.

Attendees will gain insights into managing insurance needs to protect against liabilities, property damage, and unforeseen events such as the rise of natural weather events. For Approved Housing Bodies, understanding these considerations is important for informed decision-making and achieving long-term success in the housing sector.



SPACE TO BELONG

WEDNESDAY 4TH: 1.30PM – 1.50PM

The growing demand for transitional housing is becoming one of the most pressing challenges for local councils across Europe and the UK. With rising costs and limited availability, finding solutions that are both affordable and fit for purpose is more important than ever. In this session, we'll explore how Portakabin is helping to address this issue with high-quality, rapidly deployable modular accommodation. These innovative solutions provide a dignified and practical steppingstone for individuals and families while they await permanent accommodation. Join us to learn how modular housing can play a key role in tackling this urgent housing need.



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BREAKFAST NETWORKING SESSION – HOSTED BY BHP INSURANCE

THURSDAY 5TH: 8.00AM - 8.45AM

It's all about connections and conversations at our BHP Insurance: Breakfast Networking Session. In our 45 minutes session, we'll have a welcome speech by Martina Westphal, Managing Director, BHP Insurance and we'll showcase & celebrate the inspiring work of our social housing clients, followed by breakfast while mingling with the fellow attendees.

About BHP Insurance:

We are a specialist Commercial Insurance brokerage who genuinely cares about protecting businesses and putting our customers first. For more than 20 years, our team has been providing customers with insurance and risk management solutions for a wide range of insurance products. We specialise in providing Insurance Schemes and products to the Charity and Not for Profit sectors by offering a complete range of insurance and risk solutions to our diverse client base that includes Community groups, Charities, Social Housing groups, Sporting organisations, Healthcare providers and Religious groups. Our highly experienced team, which is led by Managing Director Martina Westphal, has over 200 years combined experience in the Insurance Industry and are the best in class for providing personable, specialist expertise, guidance and support.

INDUSTRY SESSIONS

	SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EUROPE - TUATH HOUSING: A CASE STUDY FROM IRELAND
	THURSDAY 5TH: 10.40AM – 11.00AM
	AXA ESSENTIAL: HOW INCLUSIVE INSURANCE CAN HELP BRIDGE THE PROTECTION GAPS FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE
	THURSDAY 5TH: 1.00PM - 1.30PM

In Europe, a growing number of households are facing increasing financial vulnerabilities due to the rising cost of living, forcing them to arbitrage their budget and expenditure more frequently. Insurance and financial protection are increasingly part of these arbitrations, and if not managed carefully, they can jeopardize households' financial resilience and well-being. In the UK, one in five adults are reducing their insurance coverage to save money or because they cannot afford it. In France, a country where home insurance is mandatory for tenants, it is estimated that up to one in ten social housing tenants lack home insurance.

A growing quarter of people in Europe are either un(der) or ill-insured and do not have equal access to insurance products and services, or if they do, it is not always fitted to their needs.

This session will explore solutions to offer more affordable and accessible insurance products and services for low to middle-income customers, including in the social housing space.

AXA EssentiALL is AXA's inclusive insurance business unit whose mission is to ensure underserved customers around the world gain access to protection for their families, businesses and communities.

	COMMUNITY 3.0: PLACEMAKING IN THE AGE OF AI
	THURSDAY 5TH: 1.50PM - 2.10PM

Step into the future of community development through real-world case studies from Peabody Trust and Aster Group. See how AI-powered neighbourhood concierges and automated engagement tools are breaking down barriers to participation while preserving the human touch that communities need.

This session reveals practical approaches to implementing intelligent digital services that both delight residents and address pressing operational challenges—from multilingual support to personalised content creation. Join us to explore how the strategic application of AI is redefining what inclusive, responsive community spaces can be, and leave with actionable insights to bring Community 3.0 to life in your organisation today.

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