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The Housing Agency



Housing Practitioners' Conference  
2026

# Working Together to Deliver Ireland's Housing Ambition

23 - 24 APRIL 2026

WHITES OF WEXFORD HOTEL



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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1: Thursday 23 April

Event MC: Bryan Dobson

Time	Topic	Speakers
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08:30 - 09:15	Registration	
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## Conference Opening

09:15 - 10:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Bryan Dobson, MC
	<b>Opening address</b>	Chairperson, The Housing Agency
	<b>Ministerial Address</b>	James Browne TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
	Interview with Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage	

## Session 1: Delivering Homes, Building Communities: Progress & Future Plans

Chair - Bryan Dobson

### Panel

10:10 - 11:10	<b>Caroline Timmons</b>	Assistant Secretary, Housing Policy and Standards Division, DHLGH
	<b>Martin Whelan</b>	Chief Executive Officer, The Housing Agency
	<b>Eddie Taaffe</b>	Chief Executive Officer, Wexford County Council
	<b>Éadaoin Ní Chlérigh</b>	Director of Development Operations, ICSH
	<b>Garret Doocey</b>	Deputy Secretary General, Housing Activation Office

11:10 - 11:40 | Tea & Coffee Break

11:45 - 13:00 | Workshops

13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch



## Session 2: AHBs: Delivering Now, Reforming for the Future

### Chair - Bryan Dobson

#### Presentations

14:00 - 15:20	Delivery expectation under the National Housing Plan	Concurrent reform agenda, AHB Strategic Forum
	<b>Roger Harrington</b> , Principal Officer, CALF-HAA Section, DHLGH	<b>Vincent Colgan</b> , Principal Officer, AHB Policy and Regulation, DHLGH

#### Panel

<b>Fergal O'Leary</b>	Chief Executive Officer, AHBRA
<b>Averil Power</b>	Chief Executive Officer, Clúid
<b>Pat Fitzpatrick</b>	Director of Services and Inclusion, The Housing Agency

15:20 - 15:50 | Tea & Coffee Break

15:50 - 17:00 | Workshops

20:00 - Late | Dinner



## Day 2: Friday 24 April

Time	Topic	Speakers
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### Session 3: Unlocking New Supply

Time	Topic	Speakers
	<b>Chair - Jim Baneham</b> Director of Delivery & Innovation, The Housing Agency	
	<b>Panel</b>	
10:00 - 11:30	<b>Stephen Garvey</b>	Chief Executive Officer, Glenveagh Homes
	<b>Enda McGuane</b>	Director of Asset Management, LDA
	<b>Aoife Watters</b>	Chief Executive Officer, Respond
	<b>Aoife Lawler</b>	Senior Executive Officer, Housing, Fingal County Council

11:30 - 11:50	Tea & Coffee Break
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### Session 4: Getting Our Future Housing Right

Time	Topic	Speakers
	<b>Chair - Carlyne Godkin</b> Director of Services for Housing Wexford County Council	
	<b>Opening address</b>	
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	<b>Panel</b>	
11:50 - 12:50	<b>Eimear Cody</b>	Senior Engineer, Kilkenny County Council
	<b>Steve Loveland</b>	Head of Age-Friendly Housing, Clann
	<b>Olivia Goff</b>	(Acting) Senior Architect, Dublin City Council
	<b>Simon Wall</b>	Senior Architect, Mayo County Council

12:50 - 13:00	Closing remarks - Roslyn Molloy, The Housing Agency
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13:00	Conference Close/Lunch
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## WORKSHOPS

- 1 Addressing Vacancy: Ireland's Policy and Delivery Approach
- 2 Sustainability in the Built Environment
- 3 Strengthening AHB Delivery: Data, Discipline, and Scalable Processes
- 4 Part V Negotiations in Practice: Insights from Local Authorities
- 5 H15 Disability Housing - Design Approaches for the Provision of Housing for People with Intellectual Disabilities
- 6 AI in Housing
- 7 Working Together in MUDs: Practical Perspectives from Local Authorities and AHBs
- 8 Sustaining Tenancies, Creating Communities
- 9 Affordable Housing Delivery: A Practical Guide for Practitioners
- 10 Strengthening Homelessness Responses through Assessment and Partnership
- 11 Tenant Participation in the Traveller Community
- 12 Regulation in the Rental Sector

## HOUSING VISITS

Housing visits to a new Local Authority Housing scheme in Wexford town and a visit to an AHB independent housing for older people scheme will be available as an alternative to workshops.

## CLINICS

One to one sessions will be available for conference attendees to speak with subject matter experts from The Housing Agency during the conference.



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