



**An Ghníomhaireacht
Tithíochta**
The Housing Agency

Housing Conference 2022

Sustainable Housing

24th November, 8.00 – 13.00

Hybrid Event



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One of the major challenges facing the Irish housing sector is ensuring sustainability. This includes sustainability of our housing finance models, sustainable communities and environmental sustainability.

Delivered in a hybrid format, The Housing Agency's Annual Conference 2022 will explore these challenges in the November Housing Conference. This half-day event will feature international and Irish expert input, followed by questions and discussion.

Participation at the conference is free, but advance registration is required. To register please visit our registration page.

Please note that these sessions may be recorded for future use.

To register to attend the conference online please visit:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JSNI0GRCRdC7KCDxAhV0Hw

If you would like to attend the event in person, the event will take place in Trinity College Dublin. For more information and to register please email communications@housingagency.ie.

About The Housing Agency

The Housing Agency was established in 2012 as a State-funded body of housing specialists. The Housing Agency supports the development of sustainable communities across Ireland by working closely with our colleagues in the housing sector including, The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies. We place a strong emphasis on problem solving and work to meet the nation's housing by:

- Rolling out new housing projects and co-ordinating programmes that can transform how we live
- Using data and research to provide evidence-based solutions
- Advising the Government on housing policies
- Collaborating with all those involved in the housing sector in Ireland to ensure we are working as effectively as possible.



Agenda

08:00 – 08:30: Registration and light breakfast

08:30 – 08:40: Introduction

Michael Carey, Chairman, The Housing Agency

08:40 – 09:00: Opening Remarks

Minister Darragh O'Brien,

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage



Session 1: Financial Sustainability

09.00 – 10.30

Chair: David Silke –The Housing Agency

Speakers:

Josh Ryan Collins – Associate Professor in Economics & Finance, University College London

Michelle Norris – Director of the Geary Institute and Professor of Social Policy, University College
Dublin

Dermot O'Leary – Chief Economist, Goodbody

10:30 – 10:50: Coffee Break

Session 2: Sustainable Housing, Sustainable Communities

10.50 – 12:40

Chair: Claire Feeney – The Housing Agency

Speakers:

Gulnara Roll – Regional Advisor, UNECE.

Michaela Kauer – Director, Brussels Office of the City of Vienna

Ciaran Byrne – Director, SEAI

Valerie Mulvin – Director, McCullough Mulvin Architects

12:40 – 13:00

Bob Jordan – CEO, The Housing Agency





Speaker Profiles



Joshua Ryan Collins

Josh is an economist with a research focus on macroeconomic policy, housing and land and sustainable finance. He has a particular interest in credit and land.

His co-authored book *Where Does Money Come From?* (2011, New Economics Foundation) was the first comprehensive guide to the workings of a modern capitalist monetary system (the UK). The book helped establish the role of commercial banks in the money creation process and is used as a textbook to teach banking in the UK and US.

Josh's work on the interaction between the financial sector and housing markets - featured in his book, *Why Can't You Afford a Home* (Polity 2018) - has received international press coverage and led to invitations to provide guest lectures and advisory work from governments, public agencies, academics and civil society groups across the world. His co-authored book *'Rethinking the Economics of Land and Housing'* (2017, Zed books) was included in the *Financial Times'* Top 12 economics books of 2017.



Michelle Norris

Michelle Norris is Professor of Social Policy and Director of the Geary Institute for Public Policy at University College Dublin.

Her teaching and research interests focus on housing policy and urban regeneration, particularly on:

- the management and financing of social housing
- the regeneration of social housing estates and inner urban areas

She has strong links with policy makers in Ireland and internationally. In 2011 and again in 2016 she was appointed by the Taoiseach as an independent member of the National Economic and Social Council. In 2018 she was appointed by the Minister for Housing to the interim board of the Land Development Agency. Between 2012 and 2021 she chaired the board of the Housing Finance Agency, a government agency which finances social and affordable housing in Ireland. In 2021 she was one of three lead authors of the *Housing2030* on how policy makers improve affordable housing outcomes. This report was commissioned by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, UN Habitat and Housing Europe.



Dermot O'Leary

Dermot O'Leary is Chief Economist with Goodbody Stockbrokers, a position he has held since November 2004. He is responsible for the economics output of the research department. This role entails providing commentary and analysis for a large range of domestic and international clients through regular research reports and briefings. This includes in-depth research on the Irish housing market. He has recently been appointed as chair of the Delivery (Costs, Viability & Procurement) Working Group of the Housing Commission. He is also a member of the Goodbody's asset allocation committee. Dermot is a regular contributor to economic debate in the domestic and international media (cited in the Financial Times, New York Times, Irish Times, among others) and author of a journal paper on deleveraging in Ireland.



Gulnara Roll

Gulnara Roll is Regional Advisor at the UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division. She supports national and local governments in the UNECE region with policy advice and is in charge of technical cooperation activities on neutrality and climate-neutral housing, urban resilience building, including urban forestry. At the moment, Ms Roll is also coordinating UN4 Kharkiv Task Force which supports efforts of rebuilding Ukrainian cities.

Ms. Roll is working with the United Nations since 2009. She worked as Environmental Officer with the UNECE Water Convention secretariat; as Senior Economic Affairs Officer at the UN Regional Economic Commissions Office in New York; and as Secretary to the intergovernmental Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management.

Prior to joining the UNECE, Ms. Roll worked as Scientific Officer at INTAS - International Association for the promotion of scientific co-operation with the countries of the former Soviet Union in Brussels, Belgium; as Senior Research Fellow in International Relations at the University of Tartu in Estonia; Director of the Peipsi Centre for Transboundary Cooperation in Tartu, Estonia; and Urban Planner at St. Petersburg Urban Planning Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia.



Michaela Kauer

Michaela Kauer, born 1966 in Vienna, has a long work experience with the City of Vienna, where she occupied different posts. Starting in 1992 in the Executive Policy Group on Housing and Urban Renewal, she moved on to the Policy Group for Women's Rights, Integration and Consumer Protection for more than 10 years. This was followed by five years as head of cabinet of the City Councillor for Health and Social Affairs, until she was assigned as director at the Brussels Liaison Office of Vienna in 2009. The office has a leading role in the city's EU affairs with a strong focus on public services, long-term public investments, EU urban policy, and gender equality, amongst others. Michaela Kauer represents Vienna in the Executive Committee of EUROCITIES and works closely with the Committee of the Regions. She is the joint representative of the Austrian provinces for the EU Urban Agenda and she served as coordinator of the EU Urban Partnership on Affordable Housing from 2015-2021. Her academic background is international public management; she regularly publishes on urban, housing and gender policy and teaches European Public Policy at the University of Applied Studies in Burgenland since 10 years.

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Ciaran Byrne

Ciaran Byrne is Director of National Retrofit and a member of the Executive Leadership Team in SEAI. Prior to the role he was CEO of Inland Fisheries Ireland, and also held a number of other senior roles in the Central Fisheries Board and Inland Fisheries Service. Ciaran is a qualified management accountant, is a Chartered Director, and was admitted into the Institute of Directors in 2017, and he has just completed a master's degree in business studies. Ciaran has degree and Ph.D. in science from Trinity College and has authored several peer reviewed scientific publications.





Valerie Mulvin

Valerie Mulvin is a co-founder (with Niall McCullough) of McCullough Mulvin Architects – a Dublin-based collaborative practice making modern architecture in Ireland. She is one of a generation of Irish architects who through their work, teaching and research in Ireland and Europe have brought a new spirit of architecture to Ireland which has been influential in forging a new architectural culture in Ireland since the early 1990s. Her work has pursued two threads – one based on a European view of the city and its significance in the lives of citizens, an inclusive view of history and layering, to ground new architectural work in its place and context, and in particular to create an architecture of juxtaposition of new and old. A parallel thread involves work and research in the Irish landscape, developing a way of responding to context to make appropriate forms and places.



Bob Jordan

Bob Jordan was appointed CEO of The Housing Agency in September 2021. He has a strong leadership record in the housing sector. From 2018 to 2021 he was the National Director of the Government's Housing First programme, which provides permanent homes and wraparound supports to people who have experienced rough sleeping and long-term homelessness. Mr. Jordan has worked closely with local authorities, Approved Housing Bodies, health services and homeless charities to extend the programme nationwide. Prior to his role in Housing First, Mr. Jordan was Chief Executive of the housing charity Threshold for nearly a decade. He was Special Adviser to the Minister for Housing during 2016-2017.

