



# Housing Practitioners' Conference 2018

1-2 March 2018 | Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire



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## Thursday 1st March 2018

9.30	<b>Registration: Tea/Coffee</b>
10.00	<b>Official Opening</b> Minister Eoghan Murphy, T.D – Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government
<b>Session 1: Providing More Homes</b> Chair – Philip Byrne (Institute of Public Administration)	
10.20	<b>Scotland – How are we providing More Homes, Lessons to share</b> Deborah Smith, Deputy Director, More Homes at Scottish Government
	<b>Rebuilding Ireland – The Key figures and 2018 priorities</b> Mary Hurley, Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
	<b>Working in Partnership to provide More Homes</b> John O' Connor, Chief Executive, Housing Agency
	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
11.25	<i>Tea and Coffee</i>
<b>Session 2: Workshops (Focus on Key Themes in Housing Delivery)</b>	
11.45	<b>Workshops</b>
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session 3: The Case for Social and Affordable Housing</b> Chair – Mary Henchy, Director of Planning, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	
14.00	<b>The Role of Social and Affordable Housing – Lessons for Ireland</b> Kathleen Scanlon, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE London
	<b>Housing Policy Strategic Direction</b> David Walsh, Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government
	<b>New Directions for Approved Housing Bodies</b> Donal McManus, Director, Irish Council for Social Housing
	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
15.15	<i>Tea and Coffee</i>
<b>Session 4: Key Challenges for Housing</b>	
15.30	<b>In conversation with Sarah McInerney</b> Brendan Kenny (Dublin City Council); Sean O' Connor (Tuath Housing); Rosalind Carroll (Residential Tenancies Board); Keith Lowe (Douglas Newman Good); and Kathleen McKillion (Campbell Tickell)
17.00	<i>Day 1 concludes</i>
19.00	<i>Pre-Dinner Reception</i>
20.00	<b>Pre-Dinner Speech Councillor Tom Murphy, Lord Mayor of Dun Laoghaire</b> <i>Followed by Conference Dinner</i>

# Friday 2nd March 2018

10.00	<i>Tea and Coffee</i>
<b>Session 5: Housing Delivery Showcases</b>	
10.45	<b>Opening Address</b> Minister Damien English, T.D. – Minister for Housing and Urban Development
<b>Session 6: Getting People into Homes</b> Chair: John Hannigan, Chief Executive, Circle Voluntary Housing	
11.45	<b>Good Practice in Local Government – Housing Re-Letting System</b> Nuala Woods, Monaghan County Council
	<b>Getting People into Homes</b> Eileen Patterson, Director of Communities, Radius Housing
	<b>Close by John O’ Connor</b>
12.45	<b>Conference Conclusion, followed by lunch</b>

## Speaker biographies

### Damien English, T.D.

Minister for Housing and Urban Development

Damien English is a TD and Minister for Housing and Urban Development based at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. He works closely with his Fine Gael colleague Minister Eoghan Murphy T.D. in providing political leadership on improving the supply of quality affordable homes for families, ending the homelessness crisis and regenerating communities.



### Mary Hurley

Mary Hurley has responsibility for the Social Housing Programme Delivery Division at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.



### Dr Donal McManus

Donal is CEO of the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH)-the National Federation of Housing Associations.



### John O'Connor

John is the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Agency, which is a statutory body set up under the aegis of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG).



### Eileen Patterson

Eileen is the Director of Communities with Radius Housing and manages the service delivery and community investment for over 12,000 social housing properties.

## Speaker biographies / continued



### Kathleen Scanlon

Kath Scanlon is deputy director of LSE London a research centre at the London School of Economics. She has a wide range of research interests including comparative housing policy, comparative mortgage finance, and migration. Since 2015 she has focused on ways of accelerating new housing development in London. She has worked with a number of national and international institutions.



### Deborah Smith

Since 2015, Deborah Smith has been the Deputy Director for More Homes in the Scottish Government, responsible for supporting Ministers in achieving the ambitions of their More Homes Scotland approach, and specifically the achievement of the 50,000 affordable homes target.



### David Walsh

Dave Walsh is Assistant Secretary over the Planning, Land Management and Housing Market Policy Division in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, with overall responsibility for forward planning.



### Nuala Woods

Nuala Woods is currently the Senior Executive Officer in the Housing Department in Monaghan Local Authority.

### Sarah McInerney

This year we are delighted to have Sarah to facilitate a discussion amongst a range of practitioners working across different areas of housing. Sarah is an award-winning broadcaster. Currently presenting 'The Sunday Show', a politics and current affairs program on TV3. She's also a regular contributor of political columns to The Sunday Times.

The panel members Sarah will be speaking to are:

- + Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, Dublin City Council
- + Sean O'Connor, Chief Executive, Túath Housing
- + Rosalind Carroll, Director, Residential Tenancies Board
- + Keith Lowe, Chief Executive, Douglas Newman Good (DNG)
- + Kathleen McKillion, Senior Associate Consultant, Campbell Tickell

