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# PUBLIC HOUSING ON PUBLIC LAND!

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Today's catastrophic housing crisis is the fault of Ireland's capitalist class and their political lackeys in the Dáil. The bankers, politicians, landlords and property developers are all raking in huge profits at our expense!

- **Ten thousand homeless including three thousand children;**
- **Eighty thousand needing local authority housing**
- **Hundreds of thousands left paying huge slices of their take home pay in rent.**
- **Thirty thousand fam-**

**ilies struggling with mortgage arrears as a legacy of the 2008 banking crash.**

Everyone has a right to a home. No exceptions! We must organise to secure a massive programme of public house building. In the 1970s, it was possible to build 69,000 council houses – that would be more than 100,000 today. Such a house building programme would at one stroke end the current crisis and ease the horrific pressure on working class people and families.

There are massive profits to be made from the housing misery of the thousands of people who need a home.

Investors are buying up entire estates to rent out at huge rents. Anyone able to buy their home today has to rent from faceless and ruthless capitalist investors who care only about profit.



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# BUILD PUBLIC HOUSING NOW!

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) only subsidises the incomes of landlords (to the tune of 600 million euro already!) and encourages them to push up rents to unaffordable levels condemning hundreds of thousands of families to poverty. This money should be used to build homes.

Many families are paying rents higher than their mortgage repayment would be on their home but so long as it is profitable for landlords to continue this situation - the crisis will not end. The government's so-called solution is to privatise housing completely. This has never worked and will never work.

## NO TO RACISM

Migrants, immigration and refugees are not the cause of this crisis. Attacking immigrants and refugees in direct provision will not stop the

crisis. What it will do is divert energy away from the true culprits in this crisis: the Irish capitalist class of landlords, bankers, developers and politicians.

Maximum unity of the working class, including migrants and refugees, and the trade unions, building

a mass movement through demonstrations, boycotts, resisting evictions and taking strike action is the only way to end this crisis. We need a revolution to overthrow the current corrupt system.

What we need:

- Immediate rent controls to link rents to incomes!
- End the evictions! Security of tenure for all!
- Phase out HAP - instead build new homes with this money!
- Mass public housing programme NOW!

How to get it:

- Build a mass movement or ordinary people to end this crisis!
- Trade unions to call a general strike to end the housing crisis!

- \* HOMES FOR ALL!
- \* END CAPITALISM!
- \* FOR A SOCIALIST
- \* FUTURE!

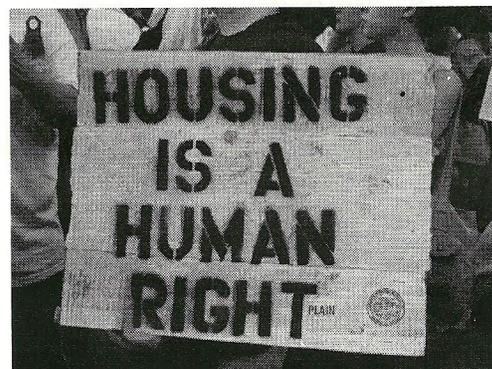
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