

# Housing Emergency **TAKE ON THE PROFITEERS!**

## Build public homes for all

High rents, mortgage increases, living with parents, eviction or emigration – these are the choices while trying to survive this unending housing crisis. Average rents are over €2,000 nationally and €2,500 in Dublin. There are now over 15,400 in homelessness including 4,675 children.

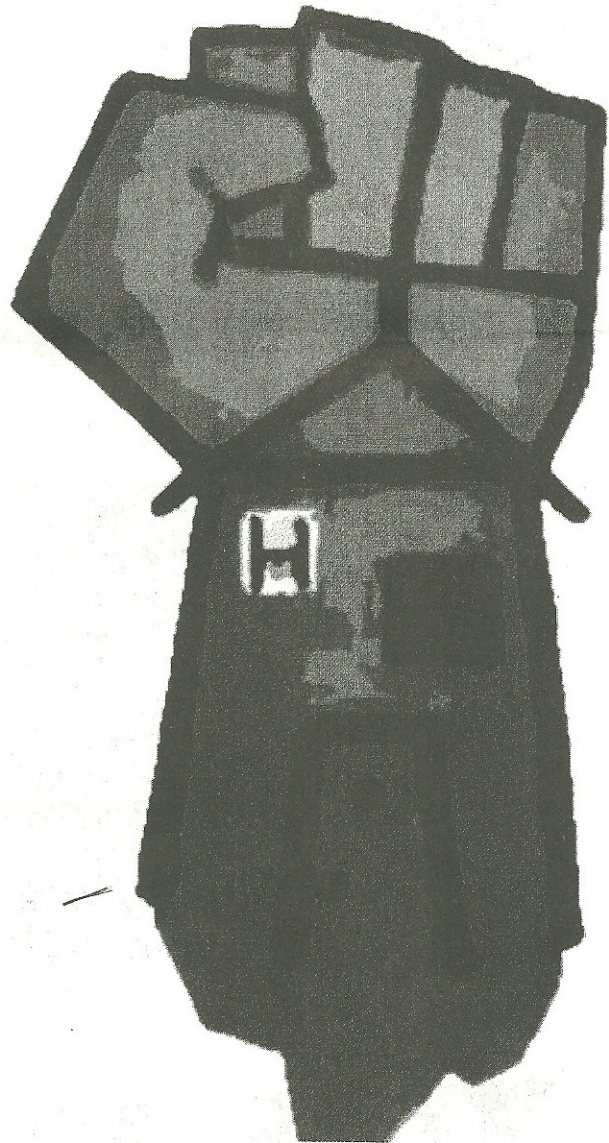
Under the guise of declaring the whole country a Rent Pressure Zone (RPZ) the government are watering down the protection RPZs offer against rising rents. Landlords now have the ability to reset rents to the “market rate” every 6 years, or if a tenant leaves voluntarily.

Meanwhile new-build apartments are exempt from the 2% cap on rents increases offered by RPZs, putting further upward pressure on what the market rate is.

The government missed their housing target last year and every indication is they will do so again. In 2024 there was actually a decrease in the number of homes built. This in the context of an unprecedented multi-billion euro budget surplus.

This government is tied to the rule of the capitalist market, a system that consistently and ruthlessly prioritises profit at our expense. There's 61 landlords in the Dáil who stand to profit from the housing crisis deepening.

This means that precious few public homes are being built. Just 19% of the purpose-built student accommodation is publicly owned, the other 81% is owned privately by vulture funds or individual landlords, who are making a killing by charging outrageously high rents.



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# Don't let them divide us Unite & Fight for Housing for All!

We should not be in competition for the scarce resources provided by this government and the capitalist system they represent.

We cannot allow vulnerable and poor refugees to be made the scapegoats for a crisis created by the super-rich, the profiteers and the powerful. The housing crisis has existed in Ireland for a decade. Public home-building virtually stopped.

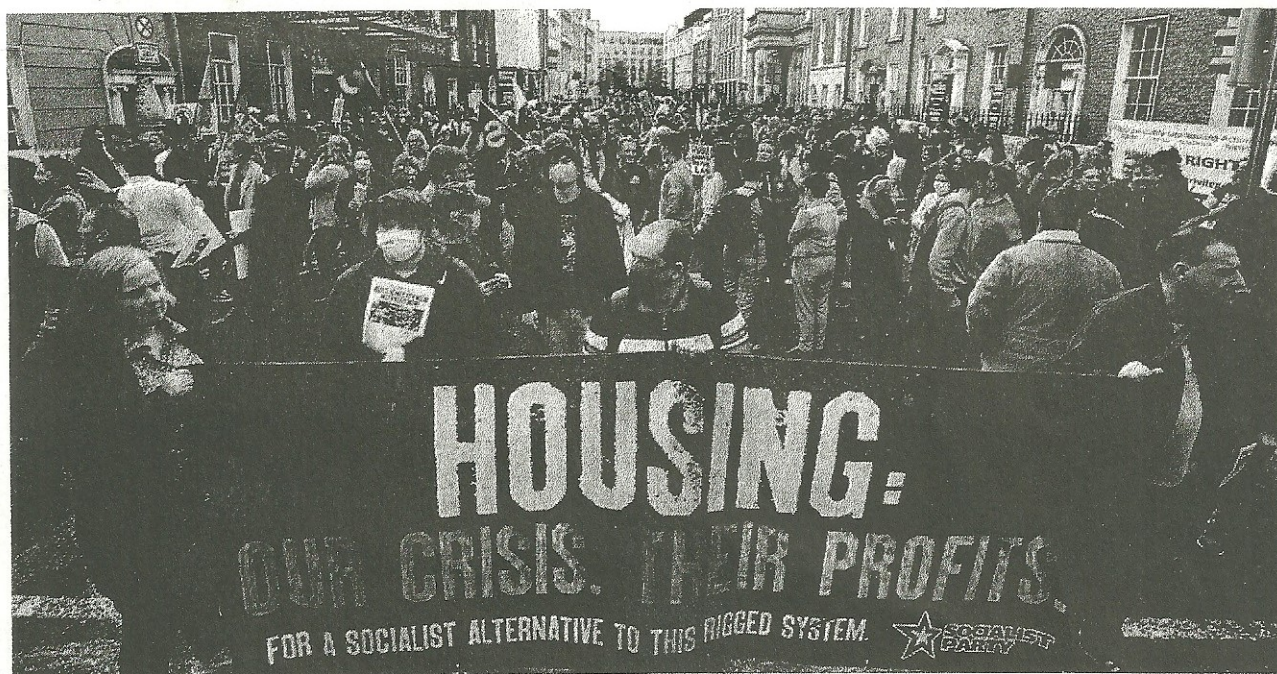
Vulture funds have been allowed to make billions from the housing crisis and the government is continually enabling them to rip us off more. They are happy to allow the scapegoating to continue.

We need to come together in a united call to house all who need homes: we have 166,000 vacant homes – 48,000 empty for more than five years – and enough state land and resources to build homes for ALL who need them.

## WHAT WE CALL FOR:

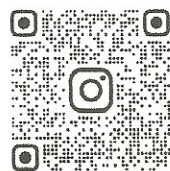
We need to fight for measures which really respond to the scale of this emergency. These include:

- Ban ALL no-fault evictions.
- Slash rents and cap them at affordable levels. One in three renters spends 50% of their income on rent.
- Ban vulture and cuckoo funds. Take their estates and resources into public ownership.
- Seize land and homes that are being hoarded for profit.
- End the reliance on private developers. Take the major construction companies into democratic public ownership. A state-owned company could directly build tens of thousands of public homes to sell at cost price, or rent on a differential rent.
- Use the wealth to solve the housing emergency: Ireland's billionaires increased their fortunes to €50 billion last year. Tax their wealth and assets.
- Capitalism is at the heart of this crisis. It's a system where necessities are commodities to be profited from, not needs to be met. It's a system that's destroying our ecosystem and creating massive wealth inequality. We need to end it by building a united working-class movement that fights for a socialist alternative.



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