

Public Housing for All

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**It's simple
- Public
Housing can
solve the
crisis!**

Rent increases, evictions, thousands homeless, and over 100,000 households on the housing waiting list nationwide - the impact of the housing crisis is widespread and appalling but the political establishment refuse to act.

Successive governments have continued a policy of privatisation of housing provision - handing over billions of euro to private landlords through schemes like HAP, refusing to invest in public housing construction and promoting private landlords and developers as the only means of providing housing.

The strategy of privatisation is good for the profits of private landlords and developers but it has failed working class people. We urgently need an alternative to solve the crisis - that alternative is Public Housing for All.



Public Housing for All

The Workers' Party's housing policy, Solidarity Housing, is a new system of universally accessible public housing which would widen public housing provision to all who want it. Rent would be calculated on the basis of income and the new system would offer the benefits of public housing to the many new households experiencing housing difficulties:

Security

Public housing guarantees security of tenure that neither mortgages or private renting can. The ability to pass a lease to children would also be an integral part of a proper public housing system.

Affordability

Income-based rent levels would make housing affordable for all and reduce the burden now placed on those paying mortgages or exorbitant rents.

Economic Sense

Investing in public housing which the state will own and rent makes far better financial sense than handing over billions in rent supplement and HAP to private landlords.

Quality

Poor quality building by private developers has caused problems like damp and mould, pyrite, and lack of adherence to fire-safety regulations. A state housing corporation would offer far higher standards. Public housing would integrate childcare, leisure, and other community facilities into developments.

The Workers' Party's solution to the housing crisis:

1. Create a State Housing Corporation to finance construction of universally accessible public housing through 'off-books borrowing'
2. Use the State Housing Corporation to build 75,000 public units in the next 5 years, available to all, with rents based on income levels
3. Introduce proper rent controls and security of tenure for the private rented sector
4. Replace Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) subsidies to private landlords with public housing
5. CPO and open vacant homes and apartments to house those in need of homes
6. Transfer mortgages in arrears to the State Housing Corporation, providing residents with a permanent and secure home

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Help us to Build a new Republic

The Irish Republic is a Republic in name only.

It has left us with 7,000 people homeless and over 100,000 households on the housing waiting list.

It has handed control of our health and education to the Catholic Church and has given us the misery of the Magdalene Laundries, the 8th amendment and a society that viewed women as second-class citizens.

It has delivered unemployment, emigration and poverty to the working class and young people.

The Workers' Party wants to build a new Republic. A republic that is run in the interest of the great majority of people: the working class.

We want to take power away from the class that has run this so-called Republic into the ground and profited from it at the same time. The bankers, developers, landlords and the cosy political establishment who line their own pockets at the expense of working class people.

We want an Ireland which can work for everyone and where everyone can work.

To do this we need our own party – a party that wants to win power for the working class - one that goes beyond slogans and has a plan for how to achieve a better life for all.

With your help, The Workers' Party can be that party.

If you want a Republic that guarantees the right to a home, to a living-wage job and to quality healthcare, you'll have to fight for it.

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