



# **RAISE ↑ the ROOF**

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Dan Shaw Centre  
Navan**

**Wednesday,  
1st June, 2022  
at 7.00 p.m.**

Housing policy has failed an entire generation of young workers and families.

House prices are up 77% since 2012 and are set to rise by up to 12% annually.

Average rents in Dublin are now over €2000 per month, making it the third most expensive city for renters in the EU.

Despite the acute shortage of affordable homes, there may be up to 137,000 houses lying vacant across the country. Some 40,000 homes could be made habitable quickly, if Government acted.



There is enough State-owned and public land available to build at least 50,000 new homes.

The Government's *Housing for All* plan repeats the same failed policies of the past and will not deliver the affordable homes needed.

*Housing for All* makes little or no mention of the major problems in the student accommodation sector, where high price developments built by 'for profit' providers are driving prices upwards for all students, while those in 'digs' have no tenant rights or protections.

As young workers, families and students are denied affordable housing, investors and speculators have done well from the crisis.

A leading investment firm has advised clients that:

***"... Current housing policy has benefited both institutions and developers at the expense of individual buyers."***

#### ABOUT US

Raise the Roof is comprised of trade unions, housing and homeless agencies, women's groups, political parties, representatives of older people, children's advocacy groups, community organisations, student unions, Traveller groups, housing academics and experts.

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**Only a radical break with these failed policies can deliver secure, affordable homes for all.**

**This means we need to:**

- **Double investment to support a major State-led housing programme for provision of new public, affordable and cost rental homes.**
- **Make *affordability* the key priority of all housing policy, with affordability linked to incomes and provide capital grants to higher education institutions for *affordable* purpose-built student accommodation.**
- **Retain all public land in public control for delivery of public, affordable and cost rental homes and act immediately on the scandal of vacant properties.**
- **Introduce a Rent Freeze and guarantee affordability through new rent controls: Create genuinely secure, long-term tenancies for renters.**
- **Hold a referendum to create a new, legal Right to Housing.**

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