



# NESC Housing Conference

## Creating an Affordable, Sustainable and Equitable Housing System

### Programme

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Croke Park, Dublin

Start: 08.45hrs

This conference is designed to stimulate debate amongst senior decision makers in the public and private sectors on the theme of *Creating an Affordable, Sustainable and Equitable Housing System*.

The key issues that this national conference will address include:

- Housing as an integrated system—policy and practice;
- The role of the private rental and social housing sectors in providing permanent and affordable housing;
- How to improve the supply of land and housing; and
- The role of regulation in delivering affordable and sustainable housing.

#### 08.15 Registration

8.45 **Welcome and Overview for the Day**  
Dr Rory O'Donnell, Director of NESC

#### 09.00-10.45 Session 1: Housing as system: Policy and Practice

**Keynote Speaker:** Professor Mark Stephens (Heriot-Watt University)

##### Panel Discussion

Stefan Gerlach (Deputy Governor, Central Bank)

Bairbre Nic Aongusa (Assistant Secretary for Housing, Department of Environment, Community & Local Government)

Dr Michelle Norris (Senior Lecturer, School of Applied Social Science, UCD)

Dr Rory O'Donnell (Director, NESC)

##### Open Discussion

#### 10.45-11.20 Morning Coffee Break

**11.20-13.15**      **Session 2: Permanent and Affordable Housing: The Role of the Social Housing and Private Rental Sectors**

**Introduction: Noel Cahill (NESC)**

**Keynote speaker: Professor Marja Elsinga (Delft University of Technology)**

**Panel Discussion**

Daniel McLaughlin (Chief Executive, South Dublin City Council)

Sean O'Connor (Chief Executive, Túath Housing)

Aidan Culhane (Consultant, WK Nowlan Property)

Peter Stafford (Director, Property Industry Ireland)

Dr Philip Lawton (Lecturer, School of Geography & Archaeology, NUI, Galway)

**Open Discussion**

**13.15-14.15**      **Lunch**

**14.15-15.30**      **Session 3: Improving the Supply of Land and Housing**

**Introduction: Dr Damian Thomas (Senior Policy Analyst, NESC)**

**Keynote Speaker: Michele Connolly, KPMG**

**Panel Discussion**

Frank Dowling (Senior Investment Manager, Ireland Strategic Investment Fund)

Brian Moran (Senior Managing Director, Hines Ireland)

Felix McKenna (Portfolio Manager, NAMA)

Ralph Montague (Managing Partner, ArcDox)

Andrew Nugent (President, Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland)

**Open Discussion**

**15.30-15.50**      **Afternoon Tea/Coffee**

**15.50-16.50**      **Session 4: Permanent and Affordable Housing: the Role of Regulation**

**Introduction: Dr Anne-Marie McGauran (Policy Analyst, NESC)**

**Keynote Speaker: Professor Eoin O'Sullivan (TCD)**

**Panel Discussion**

Catriona Walsh (Chairperson, Private Residential Tenancies Board)

Jim Keogan (Assistant Chief Executive, Planning & Development, Dublin County Council)

Bob Jordan (Chief Executive, Threshold)

**Open Discussion**

**16.50-17.00**      **Summing up: Where Do We Go From Here? The Future for Irish Housing Policy**

Dr Rory O'Donnell (Director, NESC)

## Keynote Speakers

### **Professor Mark Stephens (Heriot-Watt University)**

#### **Public Policy, School of the Built Environment**

Mark has led two strategic reviews of housing policy—the Evaluation of English Housing Policy (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, 2005) and the EU Study on Housing Exclusion (2010), and was Academic Adviser to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Housing Market Taskforce (2009-11). He was founding Editor of the European (now International) Journal of Housing Policy and is currently an Editor of Urban Studies. He has been a member of the Co-ordination Committee of the European Network of Housing Research since 2000, its Treasurer since 2002, and is joint co-ordinator of its Working Group on Comparative Housing Policy. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2007 and an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2011.



### **Professor Marja Elsinga (Delft University of Technology)**

#### **Head of Housing Systems research programme**

Marja works as professor in the housing market and housing policy fields. She is editor-in-chief of the Dutch Journal for Housing and Associate Editor in Chief of Elsevier's Encyclopedia of Housing & Home. Her academic and contract research focuses on: home ownership for low-income groups, forms of affordable home ownership, mortgage guarantee schemes, the risks of home ownership, the effects of sale of rented homes, various forms of housing allowance and rented housing policy, the role of housing associations in urban renewal and the future of social housing in Europe. Marja graduated in housing ecology at the University of Wageningen in 1989. She is currently an active board member of Nederlandse Woonbond (Dutch National Tenants' Association).



### **Ms Michele Connolly, KPMG**

#### **Partner**

Michele is a project partner for all KPMG infrastructure and project finance assignments in Ireland. She has advised on property, project finance and infrastructure transactions for over fifteen years. Focused on providing strategic and financial advice to clients across a range of industries, Michele specialises in the area of financing for infrastructure projects and assisting clients in loan sales, banking rescheduling/restructuring negotiations for both property and trading businesses. With significant experience in the area of project finance, she leads the KPMG team providing advice on a wide range of notable Public Private Partnership transactions, and has advised a variety of public and private sector clients on PPP and infrastructure transactions in the transport, leisure, healthcare, justice, education, port and social housing sectors. Michele is also involved in assisting clients with loan sales, debt restructurings, raising finance and refinancing of existing debt.



### **Professor Eoin O'Sullivan (TCD)**

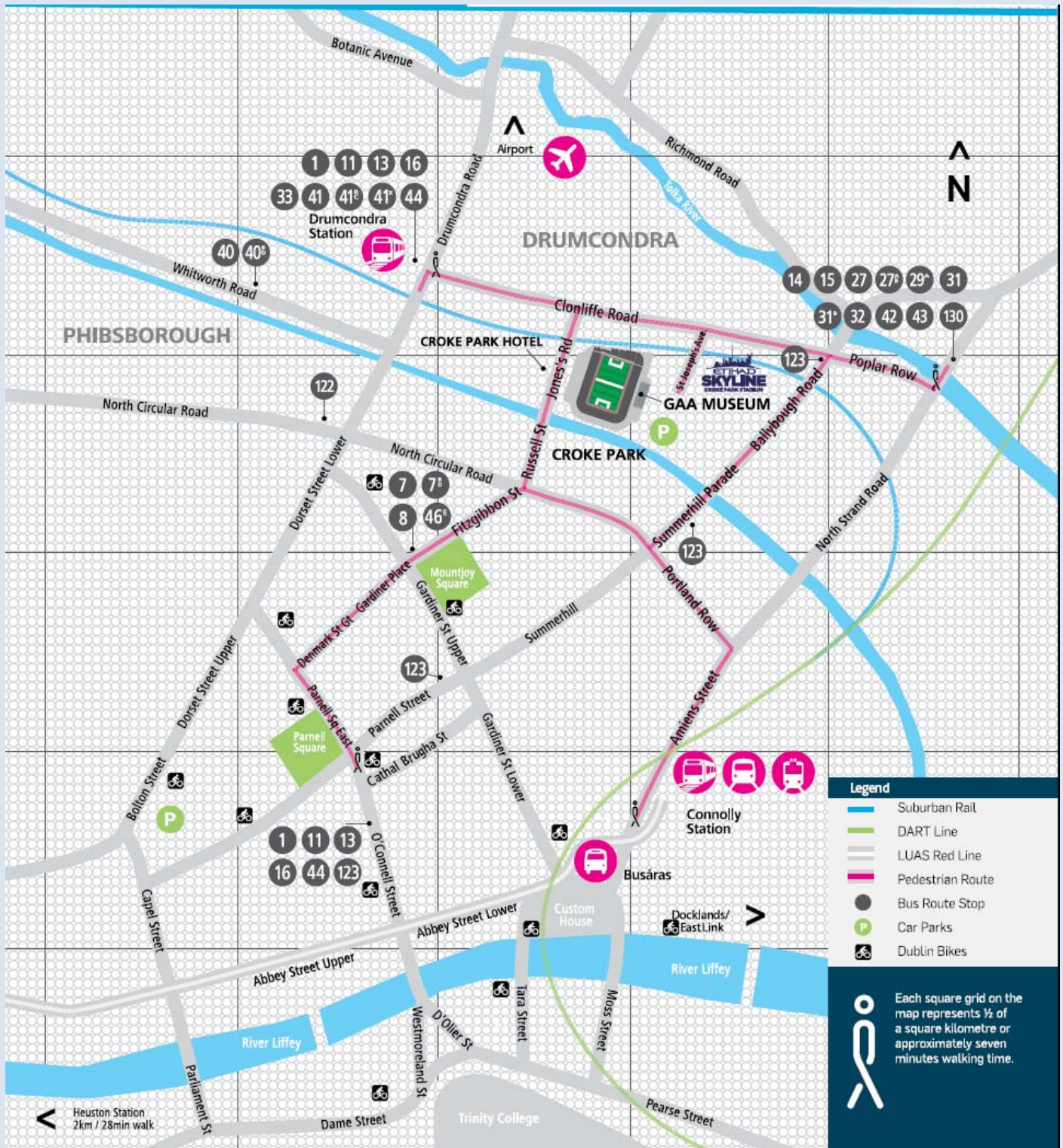
#### **Social Policy, School of Social Work & Social Policy**

Eoin has been Ministerial Appointee to; the Department of Environment and Local Government established Planning Group on Rental Assistance, (2000-2004); the Private Residential Tenancies Board (2004-2009 & 2009-2013); the Rent Tribunal (2009-2012 & 2012-2015); and Ministerial appointee as Chair of the National Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (2013-2016). He is Lead Editor of the European Journal of Homelessness.



## Getting to the Venue

Croke Park conference centre is accessed via the stadium entrance on Jones's Road. The stadium is well serviced by public transport with Bus, Rail, DART and LUAS options bringing you within a maximum of 15 minutes' walk to Jones's Road entrance. See the map below for transport options or for further information on how to get to Croke Park Stadium visit: [www.crokepark.ie](http://www.crokepark.ie)



## Parking

Limited parking is available for this conference with the carpark located off the North Circular Road and accessed via St. Margaret's Avenue (first left after Gills Pub on the corner of North Circular Road and Russell Street). Pedestrian access leads from the car park onto Jones's Road and the main entrance.

To view a map of the carpark location view this link: [Conference parking map](#)