

## A changing sector?

### Raising standards for private renters

The Skainos Centre, 20 November 09:00-16:00

#### Conference Programme:

Chaired by Professor Paddy Gray (Ulster University)

<p>Section 1: <b>Sector overview</b></p>	<p>Session Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from a senior representative from the <b>Department for Communities</b> on the <b>review of the private rented sector (PRS)</b>.</li> <li>Potential implications of Brexit on the PRS from <b>Jordan Buchanan, PropertyPal</b>.</li> </ul>
<p>Section 2: <b>Dispute resolution</b></p>	<p>Session Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Practitioner Perspective – presentation from <b>Claire Diggan, Residential Tenancies Board, Dublin</b>.</li> </ul>
<p>Section 3: <b>Future challenges for landlords &amp; tenants</b></p>	<p>Session Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting tenancies in challenging times – the <b>Homes for Good</b> model with a presentation from founder <b>Susan Aktemel</b>.</li> <li>Contribution from <b>Dr Kim McKee</b> on the experience of older renters with new CaCHE research '<b>Beyond Generation Rent</b>'.</li> <li>Research on the PRS from <b>Karly Greene, NIHE</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW</b> Practitioner Workshops</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Brexit and Housing.</b></li> <li><b>Practical Support in the PRS.</b></li> <li><b>PRS Tenant Involvement- Lessons and Challenges.</b></li> </ul>
<p>Section 4: <b>Future Proofing the PRS</b></p>	<p>Session Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examination of the <b>impact of Air BnB</b> on the PRS with insights from <b>Dr Lorcan Sirr</b>.</li> <li>An update on the new <b>HMO regime</b> from <b>Kevin Bloomfield</b> at <b>Belfast City Council</b>.</li> <li>Involving private tenants – new CaCHE research from <b>Dr Steve Rolfe</b> on <b>tenant participation in the PRS</b>.</li> </ul>

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