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TÚATH HOUSING

OUTRIGHT WINNERS
EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
VOLUNTARY HOUSING
MANAGEMENT



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Túath Housing
Excellence in Social Responsibility for
Voluntary Housing Management

It is in everyone's interests to deliver more affordable housing, both social and sub-market rent options in mixed tenure settings and no more so than at this time of severe need.

In Old Irish Túath means people, tribe or clan. In modern terms its meaning is community which is central to the core values of Túath Housing. Túath is a not-for-profit organization and an approved voluntary housing association. The association currently manages over 2,000 properties.

Túath is one of the fastest growing Housing Associations in Ireland and let 217 new homes last year. The year was successful on many levels; Túath were proud to be recognized for schemes at the Irish Council for Social Housing's biennial community housing awards for joint work with Cork County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Drogheda Town Council with Louth County Council and Dublin City Council. They also worked successfully with NAMA and completed the first social lease with them. On the financial front, turnover increased by 20%, 98% of rent due was collected whilst investing in excess of €19M on new building and property acquisitions.

The principal focus for the association is working in partnership with the State, communities and local authorities in the increased delivery of new housing in mixed tenure estates on a not for profit basis. Túath Housing work collaboratively with all stakeholders to remove barriers to new home building whilst also assisting council's with the regeneration of housing stock and estates.

With one of the connotations of the organisation's names meaning 'people', Túath take great pride in the people who run and contribute everyday to the association. "I am hugely appreciative of the professionalism and dedication of our voluntary Board of Management and our workforce of over 35 staff. Many of our people have enhanced their careers during their time with us. We encourage ongoing training for staff at all levels" explains Sean O'Connor, Chief Executive. He continues, "The majority of staff are professionally qualified from housing, finance, property, construction, community and management disciplines. I am 100% confident that we have the requisite skills and experience to keep us growing sustainably and in good shape in the future."



Clearly it is a formula that works. As well as considerable development in the new housing area, the association achieved an average score of 97.5% for overall tenant satisfaction in independently conducted telephone survey's in 2013.

Going forward Túath Housing intend to play their part in increasing the output of new homes but they are about more than just bricks and mortar says Sean O'Connor, "We will continue to concentrate on managing existing social homes in sustainable ways which allows people and families to peacefully enjoy their homes and to settle within local communities. My wish is that the strengthening economy will bring new hope and prosperity to the many tenants and communities we serve throughout Ireland. We will continue to work for places and people, not profit."

With a six point plan that encompasses an ethos of creating popular neighbourhoods where people want to live and settle, Túath are indeed changing housing for the better.

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