



International Social Housing Festival (ISHF) 2025

Hosts: Housing Europe, Irish Council for Social Housing, Fáilte Ireland, Convention Centre Dublin, Conference Partners International

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Dublin, Ireland

The Challenge:

- The International Social Housing Festival (ISHF) 2025 Intentional Impact Project aimed to amplify the voices and perspectives of tenants within housing discussions and knowledge-sharing initiatives.
- By increasing awareness and understanding of the lived experiences of tenants, the project sought to support more tenant-centred decision-making across social housing organisations in the future.

ISHF 2025 Legacy Project:

- **Put tenants' voices at the heart of housing policy** through the “From House to Home” Oral History Exhibition, bringing lived experience directly into professional and political dialogue.
- **Created a replicable model** through an Oral History Toolkit, enabling housing organisations across Europe to adopt tenant-led storytelling.
- **Strengthened cross-sector collaboration** through a Knowledge Network Breakfast with Fingal County Council, bringing together policymakers, housing organisations, and delivery partners to explore collaborative solutions.
- **Extended the project beyond the festival** through toolkits, exhibitions, and networks designed to continue engaging tenants, practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and community partners after ISHF 2025.



“ISHF has always positioned itself as more than a conference — it is a movement grounded in equity, co-creation and lived experience. The impact project operationalised this mission by embedding tenant voices directly into the festival’s content and by using the platform to strengthen collaboration across Ireland’s housing ecosystem.”

— Lyndsey Anderson, Irish Council for Social Housing



Intended Use of Grant Funding:

- **Expand the Oral History Exhibition** into a Europe-wide “living library” of tenant stories.
- **Scale the Oral History Toolkit** to support adoption and replication across countries.
- **Strengthen long-term impact measurement** to track changes in policy, practice, and behaviour.
- **Embed the model in future festivals** by sharing knowledge with host cities and making tenant-centred participation a core part of ISHF’s approach.

