

Clúid Housing provides rented housing for people on low incomes and people with special needs. The Association was registered as a company in January 1994; it is a registered charity, and a non-profit making organisation.

Clúid Housing was set up on foot of government policy promoting the development of housing associations in Ireland. During the late 1980's and early 1990's there was a strong desire to promote new systems of housing management and to encourage a greater diversity of suppliers of social rented housing. It was felt that progress on these issues would serve the interests of households living in the sector. Key to this policy was the establishment of a new funding scheme in the early 1990s aimed at assisting housing associations to provide general needs housing. This was a major departure since before this time housing associations had been primarily providers of special needs housing.

Clúid Housing is a dedicated housing organisation, which through the provision of housing aims to facilitate the creation of homes and communities where people want to live and settle in. Clúid is an Irish word meaning ‘the seat beside the fire’; the corner seat that was vacated for the guest, or reserved for the venerable elderly member of the family. The concept expressed here of neighbourliness and home is central to Clúid Housing’s work.

Clúid Housing is managed by a team of full-time staff who report to a voluntary board of directors. The directors bring expertise in a number of fields to Clúid Housing including housing policy, housing association management, research, construction, law, finance & human resources. There are five offices located at Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick & Waterford. Clúid is a dedicated housing organisation whose staff have housing related qualifications and experience.

Clúid Housing works in partnership with housing authorities to implement their housing strategies. We undertake developments in consultation with the authorities and our dwellings are occupied by applicants who are nominated by the housing authority. It is through the authority and its elected membership that Clúid legitimises its work.

Clúid Housing's core work is the provision of 'general needs' housing that is, housing for people with low incomes. It also provides 'special needs' housing, that is, housing for people with a particular need in addition to a housing need. This may include for example elderly people or people with disabilities.



Tenants are drawn from the waiting list of the local authority in whose area housing is being provided. Different sized households are accommodated as well as households at different stages from young to elderly. The Association aims to create mixed, sustainable communities where each household feels at home and where each has a contribution to make to the community.

Wherever possible Clúid Housing pursues an integrated approach to the provision of special needs housing by incorporating special needs housing within general needs housing schemes. In some cases Clúid has a management agreement with a specialist agency to provide appropriate services to these households. In line with government policy the Association works in partnership with organisations working with the homeless and Travellers to ensure that they are accommodated within our housing projects.

Housing is developed on land from a number of sources including private developers, local authorities and religious trusts. Clúid aims to provide good quality housing at affordable rents with security for tenants. High standards of design, construction and housing management are the best way to counter the stigma, which has in the past been associated with housing provided by social landlords.

Clúid is continually seeking to develop new initiatives in housing and it is working with private developers to fulfil planning requirements for social and affordable housing as detailed in the Planning and Development Act 1999. Clúid Housing sees a significant role for itself in working with housing authorities to fulfil their targets under their housing strategies and to assist in the development of mixed tenure housing schemes. Other innovative projects include transfers of housing from local authorities to Clúid to facilitate estate regeneration. Clúid has been contracted by local authorities to undertake community development work on their behalf.

Clúid Housing is working across the country and in October 2017 already manage over 6,100 dwellings, over 4,950 owned by Clúid, housing over 15,200 people. The National Development Plan envisages housing associations completing a large amount of Social and Affordable units in the years ahead. Clúid is determined to play a significant role in ensuring that this target is achieved. Clúid Housing will continue to develop new ways of addressing housing need and accommodating different households.

Clúid Housing plays an active role in the Irish Council for Social Housing, the representative body for the housing association sector, as well as participating in government working groups and research studies. Clúid actively encourages expertise and specialisation in housing and is keen to share experience and learn from other housing organizations. Clúid believes that a strong housing association sector will provide a significant element of social housing provision in the future and play an important role in addressing housing disadvantage.

