



CIH Northern Ireland board member profiles

Dan Corr

Chair

Dan has had a 40 year career in financing housing with Nationwide Building Society, from branch manager to Northern Ireland Director until his retirement in 2006. He is a past chair of the Council of Mortgage Lenders(NI). His considerable experience and knowledge has been enhanced whilst sitting on several boards across the Province.

He currently sits on the National House Building Council (NHBC) Northern Ireland Committee and NHBC Consumer Committee(UK). Dan has previously chaired Northern Ireland Co-ownership Housing Association and was board member with Habitat For Humanity. A founding member of Business in the Community (NI) in which he served on the board and was appointed Prince of Wales Ambassador in Northern Ireland for Corporate Social Responsibility. He is also immediate past Chair of TinyLife, Northern Ireland's Premature Baby Charity, and an Accreditation Panelist for Invertors in People.

Dan joined the board of CIH IN 2012 and was the Institute's Vice Chair.

Elizabeth Martin

Vice Chair

Elizabeth has been Housing Manager with Clanmil Housing since January 2015, she is responsible for the management of General Needs Housing. Prior to joining Clanmil she worked in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for 34 years in various roles, at District and Regional level. Elizabeth completed the Chartered Institute of Housing Professional Qualification in 1991.

Elizabeth has a wide and varied range of experience within the provision of a Housing Service. She has worked within a Local District Office of the NIHE giving her the experience of working directly with individual customers to help meet their needs, as well as working with communities to increase their capacity to improve their local areas. She is committed to ensuring that the customer experience is of a high standard and continually looks at ways to improve the quality of the service provided to tenants. Elizabeth currently leads the Learning Team at CIH.

Charlie O'Neill

Charlie is the Legal Adviser with Northern Ireland Co-Ownership Housing Association Limited, a post he has held since September 2006. Charlie is responsible for advising the Board of Management and Senior Management Team on the Association's constitutional status as an industrial and provident society, a registered housing association and a charity recognised by HMRC. He also manages a caseload of complex legal issues on behalf of the Association relating to the purchase of properties, and dealing with properties when they are in stock.

Charlie has extensive experience of housing issues. He has been a board member of Chartered Institute of Housing since April 2008 and holds membership of the Housing Law Practitioners Association and the Housing Studies Association. He has published work on Law of Mortgages in Northern Ireland (SLS Legal Publications, May 2008) as well as articles for the legal journal, *Folio*, on housing issues such as: Article 40 planning agreements; the mortgage pre action protocol; and the Housing Act (NI) 2011. Charlie currently leads the Improve Team at CIH.

David Little

David has a background in Civil Engineering, and has been involved in the house building sector for over 20 years. He held a number of sites and office based roles with one of the largest local house builders, and in 1999, he joined the National House-Building Council (NHBC) where he is Regional Director for Northern Ireland and Isle of Man. He has a BSc in Civil Engineering, an MBA and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building.

David was a Board Member of a local Housing Association for 6 years until 2014. He currently is Chair of CIOB in Ireland and a Board Member of NI Co-Ownership Housing. He is also a member of NI Building Regulations Advisory Committee. These roles have given him extensive knowledge of social and affordable housing, and of technical issues affecting the construction of future new homes, as well as experience of the wider construction industry.

Eileen Patterson

Eileen is the Director of Housing Services with Fold Housing Association and is responsible for the Housing Management and Property Maintenance functions of Fold's sheltered and general family housing. Fold has been at the forefront of developing and delivering high quality housing and services to meet the needs of all client groups including young singles, families, and older people.

Eileen has vast experience in social housing and housing policy. Prior to joining Fold she worked for the Housing Executive and held various positions in District Offices and Head Office. She also spent a number of years on secondment to the DSD Housing Branch developing housing and regulation policy.

Eileen is a graduate of The Ulster University and is one of the few people in Northern Ireland to hold an MSc in Housing.

Helen Harrison

With 20 years' experience in the industry, Director of Juno Planning Helen Harrison was previously the all-Ireland Director of Planning at BDP and spent 4 years working in local planning authorities in the UK. Helen has direct experience of formulating statutory land use plans (UK and ROI) and negotiating planning applications for housing developments. Helen is a serving Executive Committee member (former Chair) of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), and is highly respected in the planning industry acting as Professional Accreditation Advisor to both Queen's University Belfast and University of Ulster Planning Schools and representing professional private practice on a government Advisory Panel.

John Hannigan

John Hannigan is Managing Director of Sunbeam House Services since May 2010. Before that he was Company Treasurer of Respond Housing Association from 2004 to 2010 in Ireland and South Africa. John has worked in both the private sector with KPMG, Grant Thornton and Ernst and Young and the not for profit sector for Accord Housing Association, Prime Focus in the UK. John is a Fellow of the Association of Certified Accountants, and he graduated from Warwick University Business School with an MBA in 2002. John is a non-executive director of St John of God Housing Association and The Irish Council for Social Housing and the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies.

Steven Sibbald

Steven has worked for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for over twenty years. He is currently involved in estate management in the Lisburn office.

Steven has previously worked with vulnerable adults and those with addictions and has also managed a hostel for homeless people. He works closely with community groups in the Lisburn area and is also interested in promoting 'Shared Future' initiatives and developing community involvement in local housing issues.

Steven has been a member of the Chartered Institute of Housing since 2005 both as a student and corporate member and is a graduate of the University of Ulster.

Tom Woolley

Tom specialises in sustainable building, housing and building materials. He was a Professor of Architecture at QUB from 1991 to 2008 and held several visiting professorships in other countries around the world. He has written extensively on Green Building, Natural Building and Hemp Lime Construction.

Tom is an architect who works for Rachel Bevan Architects in County Down. He specialises in sustainable building, housing and environmentally friendly materials. He was a Professor of Architecture at QUB from 1991 to 2008 and has held several visiting professorships in other countries around the world. He has written extensively on Green Building, Housing and Energy, Natural Building and Hemp Lime Construction. Tom is a long standing member of the Labour Housing group and is on the board of Ballynahinch Credit Union and Bryson Energy. He is also a fellow of the Centre for Retrofit Excellence. His main interests currently are on fuel poverty and healthy buildings.