



AN TEACH IRISH HOUSING ASSOCIATION.

Providing housing for young single Irish people in London.
Telephone 0181 365 1751

Did you Know?

☘ The Irish were one of the first migrant communities in Britain and remain the largest. The majority of migrants since the 1980's have been young people. Many have been successful but a significant minority has not because of marginalisation, isolation and insecure accommodation.

☘ The largest minority group using severe weather shelters in London in 1993, were Irish. Other studies also show large numbers of Irish people as street homeless.

☘ The Irish born have the worst housing amenities and are less likely to have privacy and central heating.

☘ The Irish have the highest Standard Mortality Rate in Britain.

(1991 Census, 1993 Labour Force Survey, Cochrane and Bal, 1989.)



An Teach Irish Housing Association provides affordable, low support short life housing, for young, single Irish people aged 16 - 31 years. We aim to provide a needs led, culturally sensitive housing service to all our tenants. Short life housing means that we do not own any property but 'borrow' it from other larger housing providers for periods of 1 to 5 years. We define Irish as those born in any part of Ireland and those of Irish descent.

⌘ **What sort of housing?** Most of our housing is in shared houses. Tenants have their own room and share toilets, bathrooms, kitchens and sometimes a lounge.

⌘ **Housing for who?** We provide shared houses that are mixed ie for men and women. We also manage specific houses for: women, lesbians and gay men.

⌘ **What about couples?** We have a limited numbers of properties for couples without children. Only one of the couple needs to meet our criteria, ie. in housing need, young and Irish.

⌘ **Where?** We operate in the London Boroughs of Haringey, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Southwark, Wandsworth, Lambeth and Enfield and will be working in Barnet and Islington in the future.

⌘ **How much will it cost?** An Teach is a charity, registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965. As such, we do not aim to make a 'profit' from the services we provide. Any financial surplus that is made from managing housing is put back into the services we provide. Because of this, our rents are reasonable with an average rent of less than £40.00 per week.

⌘ **Interested? Read on!**

How to get housed. To get an offer of housing from us, you first of all have to get onto our waiting list. To do this you need to find out if the waiting list is open, by ringing the office on 0181 365 1751.

You can do this yourself or ask an advice agency to do it for you. If the list is open and you meet our criteria, ie. young, Irish and in housing need, you will be invited to our office in Tottenham for an interview and asked to complete an application form.

⌘ **What happens next?** Once you are on our waiting list, your application will be assessed along with other people's applications for each vacancy that occurs in the areas you wish to live. We decide who gets an offer of housing on the following criteria.

Housing need, age, income, length of time in London and any other particular difficulties you may be experiencing, ie. physical and mental health, violence or the threat of it and discrimination

⌘ **How long will it take?** The quickest we have housed someone is 7 days after their application. On average it might take 3 months and some people may wait for even longer than this. Some people may unfortunately never get an offer of housing from us. We can only offer people housing when one of our tenants moves out, and a vacancy in a house occurs or we get new properties. Due to demand, we can normally only make one offer of housing to each applicant.

We recognise the discrimination faced by minorities within the Irish community and therefore particularly welcome applications from Black Irish people, Travelers, those affected by HIV and AIDS, Lesbians and Gay men and those people who are marginalised by their life experiences, ie. drug use, imprisonment.

⌘ **Further information from :**

Terry Smyth, Housing Management Co-ordinator, An Teach Irish Housing Association, Haringey Irish Centre, Pretoria Road, London N17 8DX. Telephone 0181 365 1751. Fax 0181 365 0366

⌘ Irish Advice Agencies in London. ⌘

These agencies provide information and advice on housing and lots of other matters. Ring first to check opening times.

Brent Irish Advice Service (BIAS). 0171 328 1188.

The Irish Centre, 76-82 Salisbury Road, Queens Park, NW6 6NY.

Cairde na nGael. 0181 519 5089

Durning Hall, Earlam Grove, Forest Gate, E7

Camden Irish Centre. 0171 916 2222

52, Camden Square, NW1 9XB.

Haringey Irish Centre. 0181 365 1125.

Pretoria Road, N17 8DX.

Haringey Irish Community Care Centre. 0171 272 9230

72, Stroud green Road, N4

Irish in Greenwich Project. 0181 305 2545.

141, Greenwich High Road, SE10.

Hammersmith Irish Support and Advice Centre.

0181 305 2545

Blacks Road, W6 9DT. (Back of Marks and Spencers)

Irish Women in Islington. 0171 609 8916

12, Hornsey Road, N7

Kilburn Irish Youth Project. 0171 372 1746.

107, Kingsgate Road, NW6 2JU.

London Irish Women's Centre. 0171 372 1746.

59, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0ARE.

Roger Casement Centre. 0171 281 3225.

131, St Johns Way, Archway N19 3RQ.

Other Irish Housing Associations

Cara - housing for Irish people with support needs. 0181 800 2744

Innisfree - family and single persons housing. 0171 625 1818.

Irish Centre Housing - elders and young single 0171 624 2918

Solas Anois - Irish women's refuge. c/o 0171 251 6537