



*‘Housing, Health & Social Care -  
The keys to Independent living’*

Radisson Blu, Belfast

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## Introduction

The annual RCOTSS-Housing Conference 2017 –“Health, Housing and Social Care: The key to independent living”.

This year we will be in the vibrant city of Belfast for two days filled with the latest innovative and transformational practice to deliver integrated services that people need and want. This varied programme is a must for occupational therapists working in the field of housing and social care. The venue is the Radisson Blu, which is in the revitalised Gasworks business centre, just a 10-15 minute drive from George Best airport and within walking distance of shops and restaurants.

We have a packed, varied and exciting programme with something for everyone across the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

We are delighted to welcome as our keynote speaker Domini Gunn - Director of Health & Wellbeing for the Chartered Institute of Housing. Domini leads our services to support the delivery of the new and emerging housing, health and social care landscapes. Also Northern Ireland Allied Health Professional Lead Officer, Hazel Winning, will be attending along with Chris Mathews from the Department of Health to talk about integration in Northern Ireland.

Jennie Donald who is the Deputy Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations' will be speaking about their growing role in social and affordable housing, meeting the care and support needs of individuals and investment in communities, Caroline Connor, Assistant Director for Transformation Northern Ireland Housing Executive will be speaking about the redesign of grants. Also speaking will be David McDonald chairman of The Omnibus Partnership, highlighting the importance of service users' voice in coproduction of services. Lauren Walker Housing Occupational Therapist will inform us about safety access and security and Moira Bayne, Chief Executive of Housing Options Scotland, will also be speaking about the housing advice charity.

Our international content is provided by Elizabeth Ainsworth, Occupational Therapist and PhD Candidate whom makes a welcome return and will be informing us about measuring home modification outcomes in Australia.

On top of all that, we have a diverse range of seminars that cover wheelchair design , dementia friendly design and effective management, assistive technology, CECOPS, The Standards and Certification Body for Assistive Technology Services – Code of Practice for equipment and last but not least Linda Horgan, Lecturer, from the University of Cork providing an overview of Housing developments in the Republic of Ireland.

The social and networking part of conference is always important and the highlight this year is a trip to jail, followed by a ceilidh! I hope you will come and join us, update your knowledge, share your views and hopefully see some old friends and make some new ones. Hope to see you there.



Doreen Singleton  
RCOTSS-Housing Chairperson

## Who should attend

- Managers, policy makers and strategists from housing, health and social services, and the independent sector.
- Occupational therapists and support staff.
- Researchers and educators.
- People working in housing services.
- Occupational Therapy students.

## Conference Outcomes

- Demonstrate your commitment to Continual Professional Development in the specialist and varied field of housing-related work by attending this event.
- Have the opportunity to network and share innovations in practice with colleagues from a variety of work environments.
- Keep up-to-date with, and be at the forefront of, relevant legislative changes that effect government policies through to local working criteria and practice.
- Get involved in the housing debate, promote the need for a greater awareness of inclusive, accessible and affordable housing.
- Be at the forefront of developing and shaping the future of Housing Occupational Therapy services.
- Identify the practice issues in significant emerging areas of housing need.

# Conference Programme - Thursday 9th November

9.00 am	Registration
9.45 am	Welcome from Chair and Stannah
10.00 am	<b>Keynote speaker</b> – Crisis - Which crisis? Health, housing & social care landscapes - Domini Gunn - Chartered Institute of Housing
10.30 am	Inside Housing - Jennie Donald - NIFHA
11.00am	Break/networking/exhibitors
11.30 am	Northern Ireland Transformation Project - Caroline Connor - NIHE
12.15 pm	The Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) Update - Paul Cooper and Louise Cusack - RCOT
1.00 pm	Lunch/networking/exhibitors
2.00 pm	Life is for Life: Considering the Whole Person - David McDonald - The Omnibus Partnership
2.45 pm	Safety, Access and Security: Overcoming Barriers - Lauren Walker - Royal Borough of Greenwich
3.15 pm	Break/networking/exhibitors
3.45 pm	Housing Options – Scotland - Moira Bayne - Housing Options
4.15 pm	Plenary Session
4.30pm	Close of Day 1
6.30 pm	Crumlin Road Gaol - buffet, paranormal tour and ceilidh

## Best interest / Poster section

1. Toolkit update
2. Housing Module
3. Accessible Housing
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5. And more...

**Conference programme subject to change**

# Conference Programme - Friday 10th November

- 9.15 am RCOTSS-Housing Annual Review Meeting (ARM) members only
- 9.45 am Registration
- 10.20 am Welcome from Chair and Stannah
- 10.30 am **Keynote speakers** - Integration – how it works in NI - Hazel Winning, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Northern Ireland and Chris Matthews, Department of Health
- 11 am **Break/networking/exhibitors**
- 11.30 am Measuring Home Modification Outcomes in Australia - Elizabeth Ainsworth, Occupational Therapist and PhD Candidate
- 12.15 pm Plenary Session
- 12.30 pm Lunch/networking/exhibitors
- 1.30 pm Workshop group 1 - delegates can choose **one** of the following

1A	Review of Wheelchair Housing Design Standards in Northern Ireland	Mark Broadhurst - Housing Advisory Unit / Paraig O'Brien - NIHE/ Department of Health
1B	Moving Memories	Dr Zemirah Moffat - Insightful Moves
1C	Overview of housing developments	Linda Horgan, University College Cork

- 2.30 pm Break/networking/exhibitors
- 3.00 pm Workshop group 2 - delegates can choose **one** of the following

2A	Code of Practice - Equipment and adaptation assessment and reviewing needs	Brian Donnelly MSc - CECOPS
2B	Dementia Friendly Interiors - improving the independence of people with dementia and sight impairment	Martin Quirke - Architect, University of Stirling
2C	Electronic assistive technology – what does the research say and what do we know from experience?	Suzanne Martin - Ulster University and Gareth Rowan - Environmental Technology User.

- 4.00 pm Plenary and close of conference

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## Conference Fees

	Book by 30 August	Book after 30 Aug
RCOTSS-Housing members one day	£90 <sup>#</sup>	£110
RCOTSS-Housing members both days	£130 <sup>#</sup>	£160
Non members one day	£150 <sup>#</sup>	£200
Non members both days	£220 <sup>#</sup>	£250

### **#Discount Coupons**

Members please use the codes provided on the email network or email [membership@cotss-housing.co.uk](mailto:membership@cotss-housing.co.uk) for details.

Non members should use the following discount coupons to claim the early bird discount before midnight 30 August 2017:

Attending one day - EB1D

Attending both days - EB2D

\*Limited number of student places are available please email [bookings@event-booking.net](mailto:bookings@event-booking.net) to check availability.

*Cancellations can be accepted until the 1st October 2017. After this time only name changes can be made.*

Book now at [www.event-booking.net/current-events/](http://www.event-booking.net/current-events/)

## Conference Administration

Bookings and administration for this conference are provided by:

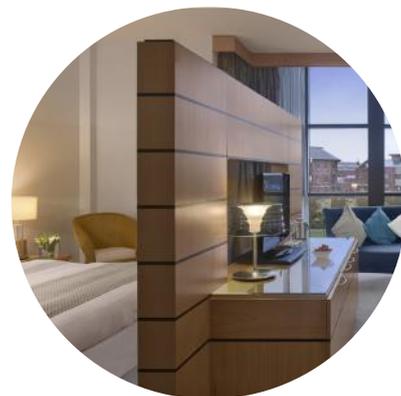
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For further information please contact 01388 548067 or email [bookings@event-booking.net](mailto:bookings@event-booking.net)

## Conference Venue

The 2017 annual RCOTSS-Housing conference and ARM will be held at Radisson Blu, Belfast.

The hotel is located in the Gasworks district which has been transformed into a beautifully landscaped business park. The hotel puts guests near Belfast city centre, just a short walk away from shops and restaurants. The city's efficient public transport system makes it easy to get around.



The hotel is just 500m from Belfast Central Station, 1 mile from Great Victoria Train Station, 19 miles from Belfast International airport and just 4 miles from Belfast City airport.

**Address:** The Gasworks 3 Cromac Place, Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 2JB

Parking is available on-site, guests who stay overnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday receive complimentary car parking, a reduced rate applies Wednesday and Thursday.



## Accommodation

Our chosen venue for 2017 is the Radisson Blu which offers 120 inviting rooms and suites, each equipped with free high-speed, wireless internet access and coffee and tea provisions. Some rooms also offer views of the cityscape or River Lagan.

Book before 1 September and you can take advantage of a discounted bed and breakfast room rate of £114.00 per night (single) or £124.00 per night (Double).

To book simply call +44 (0) 28 9043 4065 quoting block number 3068260. Please **DO NOT** book online as this discounted rate is only available by calling the hotel.

## Crumlin Road Gaol - buffet, paranormal tour and ceilidh

The RCOTSS-Housing committee invite you to join other delegates on our private tour of Crumlin Road Gaol, one of Northern Ireland's most unique and historical attractions.



The gaol has been connected with paranormal activity since it closed its doors in 1996 though some would suggest longer.



There have been sightings, noises and unexplained happenings within the walls that have seen 17 men executed over its 150 year history. Our paranormal tour will take you to the various hot spots of the gaol where paranormal activity has been reported and the guide will tell you the harrowing stories associated with these areas.

The places you will be taken include the condemned man's cell, execution chamber, the tunnel and the flogging room.

The tour is carried out in low light conditions and is not for the faint hearted! So please wear suitable warm clothing and flat shoes **must** be worn.



Before the tour we will enjoy a complementary glass of Prosecco, finger buffet and tea/coffee. After the tour we'll be enjoying our ceilidh featuring Irish folk music, singing and of course, traditional dancing.

**Come and join the fun for just £39.99**

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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