

Constitution of the Dublin Tenants Association

Name:

The name of the organisation is the Dublin Tenants Association.

Ethos:

DTA is a private rented sector tenant led peer support group. We believe that decent, affordable and secure housing is a right for everyone. As tenants we are primary stakeholders in the private rented sector and (given that more of us than ever are renting) primary stakeholders in housing policy. We are not affiliated with any political party or perspective. We know that proper reforms of the rental sector are needed and by coming together, in a collaborative process, we can break the isolation that tenants often feel and make our voices heard. Through informing and educating ourselves we can also advance our rights as tenants. We welcome other tenants to join us at our weekly meetings and to participate in our growing tenant community.

Aims:

- 1. To develop a community of tenants who work together to improve the experiences of renting*
- 2. To provide a space in which tenants can come together to share their experiences of renting*
- 3. To increase the visibility of tenants as primary stakeholders in the private rented sector and in housing policy more broadly*
- 4. To campaign for the right to decent, affordable and secure housing and for changes in government policy and legislation as regards the private rented sector.*
- 5. To build tenant-based knowledge of the Residential Tenancies Act, the Private Residential Tenancies Board and housing policy more generally*

Organisation:

1. The organisation will be run through a steering group which will meet weekly.
2. The decision making of the steering group will be consensus based except in the following circumstances:
 - i. Changes to the Constitution of the association
 - ii. Expelling an individual from the association.
 - iii. Any decisions relating to funding.
 - iv. Any other decisions where consensus cannot be reached.

In the above circumstances a 75% majority is needed in order to pass a motion

3. The steering group will determine any protocols needed to guide the activities of members
4. The steering group will delegate specific roles to members of the association so that work can be carried out efficiently.
5. The steering group reserves the right to refuse membership of the association to any individual and to expel any member of the association who acts in a manner which is contrary to the aims, objectives or code of conduct of the DTA.

Code of Conduct

1. Every member of the Dublin Tenants Association agrees to respect the opinions of other members and not to act in a manner which may be regarded as disrespectful, offensive or threatening to other members.
2. The membership of the Dublin Tenants Association is based on equality as regards age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnic background and religion.