Want to end Rental Bias? Start Building More Social Housing.

Lorcan Sirr
Technological University Dublin, lorcan.sirr@tudublin.ie

Follow this and additional works at: https://arrow.tudublin.ie/beschrecmed

Part of the Urban, Community and Regional Planning Commons, and the Urban Studies and Planning Commons

Recommended Citation

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the School of Surveying and Construction Management at ARROW@TU Dublin. It has been accepted for inclusion in Media by an authorized administrator of ARROW@TU Dublin. For more information, please contact yvonne.desmond@tudublin.ie, arrow.admin@tudublin.ie, brian.widdis@tudublin.ie.

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike 3.0 License
LINDA DALY

MARKET WATCH

Prefabs prove to be no quick fix

In 2014, the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission would report that prejudice towards prefab homes was still widespread. The report found that almost 40% of respondents had never lived in a prefab and a similar proportion did not want to move into one. 

It was estimated that around 30,000 prefabs were built in Ireland between the mid-1960s and mid-1980s. They were a quick and cost-effective way of building housing, especially in the wake of the 1968-69 housing crisis. However, many prefabs were poorly constructed and have since been demolished or have undergone extensive renovations to make them habitable.

Discrimination against tenants residing in a prefabricated system is a violation of a tenant’s right to fair treatment and non-discrimination. The government has a duty to ensure that all tenants, regardless of the type of housing they occupy, are treated equally.

The discrimination against prefabs has persisted into the present day, with many people still association the prefabs with negative stereotypes. This has led to a significant reduction in the demand for prefabs, as potential tenants are deterred from living in them.

While prefabs may have been a quick and cost-effective solution to the housing crisis of the past, they have not been able to provide a sustainable and long-term solution to the housing crisis of today. The government must take action to address the root causes of the housing crisis, such as the lack of affordable housing, and provide a range of housing options to suit different needs and budgets.