My Manifesto for a Bold Housing Policy that We Can Build On

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Despite having a successful island-based business in Clifden, Co Galway, and working in Connemara island nearly 90 days a year, with his wife Karen, and four children, 11, 6, 6 and 3, and a full-time job, “When the last election was on, there was going to be an event in Clifden, and being from the northern part of Connemara, you weren’t able to go home until you are being picked up. It’s a serious upgrade, for example, but we paid $10,000 for the air ticket and it included the hotel and all the meals. We spent a lot of money, but we really enjoyed it. It was a great experience.”

The Collins family are training enthusiasts. The island was uninhabited for a long time, but now it is a thriving community; on many offshore islands the islanders say newcomers are welcome to stay for a year or two, and if they enjoy it, they can stay longer. The island is unique because it is an island, and the people are friendly. The island is a haven for nature lovers, and it is a great place for walks and bike rides. The island is green and beautiful, and it is a great place for relaxation and peace.

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