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Delivered by the Institute of Professional Legal Studies in conjunction with Housing Rights, this course offers an introduction to housing law and policy in Northern Ireland. It will cover aspects of housing law such as social housing, the private rented sector and home ownership.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Solicitors and barristers who practice in housing law
- Professionals working in the housing sector
- Those with an interest in policy and research in the housing sector.

The course will be offered as a mix of seminars at the Institute and online.

## HOUSING RIGHTS

Housing Rights was established in 1964. It provides independent advice, advocacy, and legal representation for those experiencing housing problems. It offers training and information on housing and homelessness issues in NI and carries out housing and homelessness policy work to affect positive change. Its work is aimed at preventing homelessness, helping people access appropriate accommodation, and where possible, helping people sustain their existing accommodation.

## SPEAKERS

### Charles O'Neill Solicitor



Charles O'Neill is Director of Product Development with Co-Ownership. Charles has previously held a number of legal and operational roles within the organisation.

A solicitor by profession, he has a keen interest in housing law and policy and has written textbooks on the law of mortgages and private tenancies in Northern Ireland.

### Stuart Harper Solicitor



Stuart started his career in private practice in a general practice firm gaining experience in residential and commercial property, after ten years he moved to Co-Ownership as a Senior

Legal Adviser where he spent seven years. He has recently been appointed as a permanent, full time lecturer at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies. Stuart has a keen interest in Housing Law.

### Faith Westwood



Faith Westwood graduated from Queens University in 2004 with a degree in Law. After graduation She worked in the legal department of an investment bank negotiating international trade contracts. Faith has worked for Housing Rights for 12 years in a variety of roles including advice, advocacy and representation, developing and delivering expert training and support on housing issues to other housing practitioners; and as a mediator. She has varied experience and knowledge of the housing sector in Northern Ireland and particular expertise in the Private Rented Sector and Social Housing.

### Justin Cartwright



Justin Cartwright is National Director for Northern Ireland at the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH). Justin is experienced in policy development in Australia and Northern Ireland with a focus on social and economic issues. For the past seven years he has developed housing policy and professional practice at CIH Northern Ireland where he has variously led the organisation's marketing, communications and member engagement work.

### Jordan Buchanan



Jordan Buchanan is the Chief Economist at PropertyPal, acting as the spokesperson for the company and a trusted subject matter expert on all UK and Northern Ireland economic and

housing matters. Jordan is member of the Board of Directors in Co-Ownership, Northern Ireland's shared ownership provider. Jordan lectured in Economics in the Ulster Business School and is a regular commentator across a range of media outlets.

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## Course Details

### VENUE

Institute of Professional Legal Studies Queen's University Belfast, 10 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY

### DATES

Tuesday 18th January 2022  
Tuesday 25th January 2022  
Tuesday 1st February 2022 - Online  
Tuesday 8th February 2022

Each night the sessions will be from 6pm-8.00pm. Where the session is at IPLS refreshments will be available from 5.30pm.

### CPD

Time spent by Solicitors and Barristers attending lectures and workshops in person or completing these via e-learning as part of this course can be claimed towards your annual CPD requirement. Attendance at this course will cover 8 hours of group study CPD.

### TIMETABLE

A full timetable for the course which includes more details of the topics covered and the speakers who will be presenting is available on the CPD section of our website at <https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofProfessionalLegalStudies/CPDCourses/>

### FEES and REGISTRATION

£600

Applicants will be considered on a first-come first-served basis. Spaces are limited on the course and therefore you should register and pay as soon as possible by visiting our website at <https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofProfessionalLegalStudies/CPDCourses/>

## Course Outline

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Module 1  
18th January 2022, 6pm to 8pm  
**The Private Rented Sector**

This will cover the current legislative framework in the private rented sector including recent developments such as landlord registration and tenancy deposit provisions and the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (NI) 2016.

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Module 2  
25th January 2022, 6pm to 8pm  
**Social housing**

This will cover aspects of the social housing sector including the legislative provisions relating to the allocation and provision of social housing including the nature of the tenancies provided and the responsibilities of landlord and tenant. It will also cover the law relating to homelessness in Northern Ireland including the eligibility for assistance and the rights and duties owed in relation to homelessness.

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Module 3  
1st February 2022, 6pm to 8pm  
**Home ownership**

This will cover aspects of the home buying process including the new Home Charter Provisions, the Joint Memorandum on Improving Communications between the Professions. It will also discuss commonly encountered issues such as service charges and management companies.

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Module 4  
8th February 2022, 6pm to 8pm  
**Housing policy in Northern Ireland**

This will cover aspects of housing policy in Northern Ireland including coverage of the current housing market in the province and current housing policy in general. It will also cover recent developments in planning and building control law.





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